

Recreation Plan

2016-2020

Iron County, Michigan



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1. Acknowledgements

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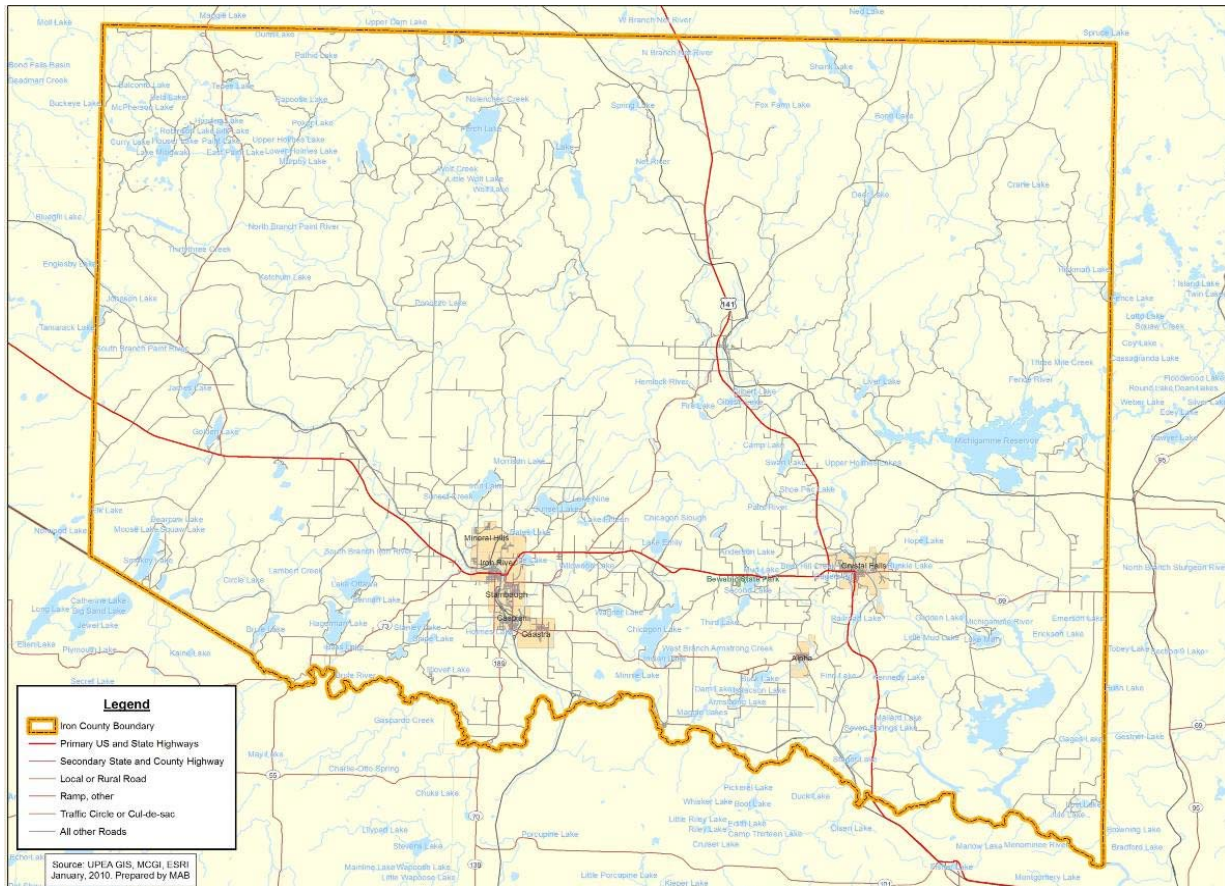
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2. Description of the Community

For the purpose of this plan, the “community” is defined as the area encompassed by Iron County’s political boundaries. Within these boundaries are the cities of Caspian, Gaastra, Iron River, Crystal Falls, Village of Alpha, Bates Township, Crystal Falls Township, Hematite Township, Iron River Township, Mansfield Township, Mastodon Township, and Stambaugh Township.



Iron County is located in the west central region of the Upper Peninsula and borders Wisconsin to the south. Geographically, it is the fourth largest in the state by square miles, having a total of 1,166.36 square miles and population of 11,387. The average temperatures in the summer are a high of 79 and a low of 52; average winter temperatures are a high of 22 and a low of 1.

Primary sectors of the economy include forestry, tourism and long-time key manufacturers all centered around the bountiful resources within the County. These

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resources include northern hardwood and pine forests, numerous lakes, rivers and streams and a dedicated workforce. The county boasts an economic development-friendly environment with a variety of incentives to businesses for creating new jobs in safe clean communities.

The development of this plan was initiated by the Iron County Board of Commissioners by the creation of the Iron County Parks & Recreation Commission (the Commission). The Commission has endeavored to include all county municipalities in their planning process by inviting representatives to submit comments and to participate in the planning process by special invitation to planning sessions. The focus of this plan is to address current and projected needs for all types of recreational activities. Discussion primarily focuses on parcels currently owned by the County and set aside for recreation. The Commission has also investigated the feasibility of additional land acquisition for recreation use.

3. Administrative Structure

The Iron County Board of Commissioners established a ten member Parks and Recreation Commission that meets monthly according to a published schedule. The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for advising the County Board of Commissioners on items relating to upkeep, operation and expansion of the County's recreation facilities and programs. The recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission are acted on by the County Board of Commissioners. Day to day activities are performed under the direction of the County Administrator.

Funding for County recreation facilities and programs is through the County's General Fund in addition to user fees that are generated at Pentoga Park, Camp Batawagama, and the Iron County Historical Museum. For the budget year 2016 the County's recreation budget is \$121,800 (see Appendix B). Special projects are appropriated as necessary. The County's recreation projects also rely on the generosity of the many committed citizen volunteers. This applies to all County facilities and programs except Camp Batawagama which is supported by a four year renewable millage. Camp Batawagama is a County owned and operated facility with a unique administrative structure. The County employs a park manager and seasonal staff to run the camp. Funding for the camp comes through a millage that is up for renewal every four years. The Camp also has an independent group with a special interest in the Camp. Special projects are funded through the millage with financial help from the Friends of Camp Batawagama. Friends of Camp Batawagama are a group made up of former campers, staff and citizens that view the camp as a special place. The mission of the group is to foster interest in the social, economic, and educational preservation of the Camp. Today the group is responsible for marketing the camp and fund raising for special projects. Iron County also has one County owned campground, Pentoga Park, which is located on Chicagoan Lake. The Park Manager at Pentoga Park is responsible for carrying out the day to day operations and maintenance at that facility. Funding for this park is provided by overnight camping fees and daily pass fees along with the County's General Fund.

4. Recreation Inventory

Iron County provides a variety of recreational facilities and opportunities for its residents and visitors. Popular County Recreational properties are listed below and the location of each is shown in Figure 2 of Appendix A. A complete list of recreational facilities and properties located in Iron County is listed in Appendix D. These facilities and properties although located in Iron County are generally owned by other entities.

- **Iron County Heritage Route.** This roadway route is designed to allow drivers to explore the rich history of Iron County. Designated by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2000 as an historic route, the thirty six mile loop connects fourteen premier sites that provide visitors the opportunity to discover and enjoy Iron County historic and recreational resources. The historic sites include the Iron County Museum, Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds, the Alpha Circle Historical District, the Iron County Courthouse, Harbor House Museum, Historic Mansfield Location and Pioneer Church, the Amasa Museum, Fortune Pond, Bewabic State Park, Larson Park, the Apple Blossom Trail, Lake Ottawa Recreation Area & Campgrounds, Mile Post Zero & Treaty Tree, and Camp Gibbs Recreation Area. A route map and brochure are attached as Appendix A Figures 2 and 6. An evaluation of the route was not conducted as the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design area not applicable for a roadway route.
- **Iron County Non-Motorized Heritage Trail.** This bicycle/pedestrian trail has been developed in multiple phases with additional development planned in the future. The existing portions of the trail are shown on Figure 2 in Appendix A. The current trail links the Cities of Iron River, Caspian, and Gaastra along with Stambaugh Township. The trail begins in Iron River and currently ends at Pentoga Park located on Chicagoan Lake in Stambaugh Township. Future phases will include additional trail development to connect to an existing trail in the Crystal Falls Township that extends into the City of Crystal Falls. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (4) in which all of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- **Snowmobile/ORV Trails.** Iron County is home to 236 miles of snowmobile trails and 37 miles of ORV Trails. Of these 273 miles of trails, 21 miles are owned by Iron County. Maps showing the snowmobile and ORV trails in the County are shown in Figure 7-9 in Appendix A. An evaluation of the trail system was not conducted as there are no facilities associated with the trail system and the 2010 ADA Standards

for Accessible Design are not applicable for these types of trails.

- **Iron County Fairgrounds.** The Iron County Fairgrounds is a 30 acre site located in the City of Iron River, see Figure 5 in Appendix A. The grounds consist of a grandstand and arena, an upper horse arena, exhibition buildings, and restrooms. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) in which some of the existing features meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- **Camp Batawagama.** Camp Batawagama is located on a 96 acre County owned parcel of land between Chicagoan and Indian Lakes, see Figure 4 in Appendix A. The Camp occupies about 28 acres of land on the shores of Indian lake. For the last 60 years the camp has been providing summer programs through the Iron County Youth Camp Program. The programs run for seven weeks throughout the summer and typically serve youth from Iron County and across the Country. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) in which some of the existing features such as the dining hall meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- **Pentoga Park.** Pentoga Park is a 60 acre County Park and includes a 135 site campground, playground, swimming beach, boat launch, and Indian Burial Grounds, see Figure 3 in Appendix A. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) as only some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines, specifically the Park has two (2) barrier free campsites, an accessible restroom facility, and accessible paths to the playground area.
- **Paint River (Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park).** Iron County owns several tracts of land along the Paint River adjacent to the Bates-Amasa Road as shown in Figures 2 and 12 of Appendix A. This land is currently undeveloped and has the potential to be a prime location for a fishing pier and canoe/kayak launch. The site is heavily used by whitewater enthusiasts as it is downstream from the Hemlock Rapids which can be accessed by an undeveloped state owned access upriver from the rapids. This recreation site could be part of a larger county-wide Water Path eventually reaching Lake Michigan via the Menominee River. An accessibility evaluation was not conducted at this site as there is no current development at the site to be evaluated for accessibility.
- **Iron County Historical Museum.** Located in Caspian, MI on 10 acres of County property that was a former mine site, the museum includes 26 building and over 100 major exhibits and two art galleries. Many of the buildings are historic structures that have been relocated to the site to serve as exhibits. The museum was opened in 1968

and is run by a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving local history throughout the County. An accessibility evaluation conducted by GEI resulted in an accessibility ranking of (2) as only some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.

5. DNR Recreation Grants Inventory

- **Pentoga Park (26-00055)**
 - In 1964 Iron County received a \$5,000 grant from the DNR to acquire 1.86 acres of land that was to be developed at part of the County's Pentoga Park. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

- **Pentoga Park (26-00137)**
 - In 1968 the County received a \$58,000 grant from the DNR to develop 56 campsites, construct campground roads, install underground utilities, construct a sewage dump station, septic system, and new service building, and install site lighting. The project has been completed and the project status is closed.

- **Iron County Pentoga Park Shelter (26-01029)**
 - A \$25,277.09 grant was awarded to the County in 1978 to construct a new picnic area shelter at the County's Pentoga Park. The project included the development of 6 acres for the shelter building. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

- **Iron County Fairgrounds Recreation Area (TF87-093)**
 - In 1987 the County received a \$58,000 grant from the Michigan DNR's Trust Fund Grant Program. This grant was used to renovate the existing County grandstands at the Fairgrounds to make them barrier free. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

- **Pentoga Park Campground Improvements (TF05-128)**
 - In 2005 the County received a \$90,000 grant from the Michigan DNR's Trust Fund Grant Program for campground improvements at Pentoga Park. This project included the development of additional campsites, installation of new and updated utilities, campground roadway construction, a new fishing pier, and new walkways to provide access to Chicagoan Lake. This project has been completed and the project status is closed.

- **Iron County Heritage Trail (TF10-064)**

- In 2010 the County received a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan DNR's Trust Fund Grant Program for the development of a 7.85 mile trail connecting the existing Apple Blossom Trail in the City of Caspian to Pentoga Park. The trail is planned to be eventually continued to the City of Crystal Falls. The construction of the trail consisted of a paved trail, boardwalks/bridges, guardrails and culverts, a Trailhead Kiosk and trail signage along with the associated site work. Construction activities started in the spring of 2015 and were completed later that fall. The grant is still active but it is anticipated that final closeout of the project will occur in early 2016.

6. Natural Resource Inventory

Iron County is largely forested with a vast amount of rivers and lakes. The majority of the land can be categorized as:

1. privately owned land enrolled in the Commercial Forest Act and open to the public for recreational purposes;
2. federally owned land open to the public for recreational purposes; or
3. state owned land open to the public for recreational purposes.

Consequently thousands of acres are available for year-round outdoor recreation. Popular activities include fishing, hunting, camping, snowmobiling, biking, walking, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing.

Iron County has more lakes per capita than leopards have spots. An alphabetical listing of named lakes is included below. It is noted that public access is not provided at all lakes.

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| 1. Bass Lake | 22. Fence Lake |
| 2. Bear Paw Lake | 23. Fern Lake |
| 3. Bela Lake | 24. Fifteen Lake |
| 4. Brule Lake | 25. Fire Lake |
| 5. Buck Lake | 26. Fortune Lake Four |
| 6. Buddle Lake | 27. Fortune Lake One |
| 7. Cable Lake | 28. Fortune Lake Three |
| 8. Camp Lake | 29. Fortune Lake Two |
| 9. Cedar Lake | 30. Gasley Lake |
| 10. Chicagon Lake | 31. Gibson Lake |
| 11. Clear Lake | 32. Gilbert Lake |
| 12. Curry Lake | 33. Glidden Lake |
| 13. Dawson Lake | 34. Golden Lake |
| 14. Dead Mans Lake | 35. Golden Lake |
| 15. Deer Lake | 36. Hagerman Lake |
| 16. East Mud Lake | 37. Hannah Webb Lake |
| 17. East Paint Lake | 38. Harding Lake |
| 18. East Paint Lake (Version 2) | 39. Hehe (Jumbo) Lake |
| 19. Ebony Lake | 40. Ice Lake |
| 20. Emily Lake | 41. Indian Lake |
| 21. Erickson Lake | 42. Iron Lake |

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| 43. James Lake | 74. Nesbit Lake |
| 44. Jingle Lake | 75. Norway Lake |
| 45. Kidney Lake | 76. Norway Lake |
| 46. Killdeer Lake | 77. Ottawa (Pickeral) Lake |
| 47. La Crosse Lake | 78. Paint Lake |
| 48. Lake 5 | 79. Paw Lake |
| 49. Lake Ellen | 80. Perch Lake |
| 50. Lake Mary | 81. Petrow Lake |
| 51. Lake On 2 | 82. Porter Lake |
| 52. Lake Ottawa | 83. Railroad Lake |
| 53. Lake Robinson | 84. Robinson Lake |
| 54. Lake Seventeen | 85. Round Lake |
| 55. Lewis Lake | 86. Runkle Lake |
| 56. Light Lake | 87. Silk Lake |
| 57. Little Ellen Lake | 88. Sixteen Lake |
| 58. Little Maggie Lake | 89. Skyline Lake |
| 59. Little Smoky Lake | 90. Smoky Lake |
| 60. Liver Lake | 91. Spree Lake |
| 61. Long Lake | 92. Stager Lake |
| 62. Loon Lake | 93. Stager Pond |
| 63. Lost Lake | 94. Stanley Lake |
| 64. Lower Holmes Lake | 95. Sunset Lake |
| 65. Madelyn Lake | 96. Swan Lake |
| 66. Maggie Lake | 97. Tepee Lake |
| 67. Marten Lake | 98. Timber Lake |
| 68. McPherson Lake | 99. Trap Lake |
| 69. Minnie Lake | 100. Upper Holmes Lake |
| 70. Mitchell Lake | 101. Violet Lake |
| 71. Mitigwaki Lake | 102. West Mud Lake |
| 72. Nelson Lake | 103. Winslow Lake |
| 73. Nesbit (Little) Lake | |

There are also a significant number of rivers and streams located in the County. A couple of major rivers include the Paint, Brule, Fence, Net, Deer, Cooks Run, Hemlock, Michigamme, Iron Perch, and Tamarack. The location of these can be found in Figure 11 located in Appendix A.

7. Planning and Public Participation

The Iron County Parks & Recreation Commission acknowledges the importance of involving the public in planning the future improvements to the County's recreation facilities and have made efforts to involve their citizens in that process. There were multiple methods used to gather input for the Recreation Plan as outlined below.

- As the first step in that effort, on December 11, 2015, an invitation was sent out to every municipality in the county inviting them to participate the County's Plan by submitting recreational projects that could be included in the County's Plan.
 - A number of communities submitted copies of their approved Recreation Plan for review by the County's Parks and Recreation Commission.
- An online survey was created and Iron County residents were asked to evaluate existing facilities and provide feedback on what is most important to them and what they would like to see added or improved in the County.
 - A number of people completed this survey and the results were used in the development of this plan. A copy of the survey along with a summary of the survey results is included in Appendix F.
- A draft copy of the Recreation Plan was available for review and comment at the Iron County Administrator's Office in the Iron County Courthouse, the West Iron Public Library and the Crystal Falls District Community Library. The draft copy was available for 35 days prior to the Public Hearing.
 - There were no public comments submitted during the public comment period.
- A Public Hearing to solicit public comments on the Recreation Plan was held on February 9, 2016 at the Iron County Courthouse. An advertisement was placed in the February 3, 2016 edition of the Iron County Reporter notifying the public of the Public Hearing.
 - The County's Parks and Recreation Commission members presented some ideas for proposed recreation projects and goals that have been discussed. There were no additional public comments. Minutes from the Public Hearing can be found in Appendix E.

8. Goals and Objectives

Our goals and objectives are based on our abundantly available natural resources, our current inventory of recreational facilities, our inventory of potential sites for new facilities and our population.

Iron County has experienced a decrease in population of 10% between the years 2000 (population 13,109) and 2010 (population 11,809). This decline is in part due to the fluctuation of a natural resource based economy. The current population of approximately 11,387 reflects a leveling off of the population decline due to the fact that Iron County has seen an influx of retirees as well as an increase in the support economy for the large number of seasonal residences.

Iron County Population

year	population	decrease #	decrease %	average annual decrease #	average annual decrease %
1970	13,763				
1980	13,635	128	0.93%	13	0.09%
1990	13,197	438	3.21%	44	0.33%
2000	13,109	88	0.67%	9	0.07%
2010	11,809	1,300	9.92%	130	1.10%
2013	11,516	293	2.48%	98	0.85%
2014	11,387	129	1.12%	129	1.12%

Almost 17% of the County's population of 11,387 is under the age of 18 and almost 30% are over the age of 65. These facts highlight the importance of providing recreation activities that interest both young people and our aging population. Accommodating seniors can also serve to accommodate persons with disabilities and be an additional draw for tourists.

Quality of life is the single most important attribute that brings residents and visitors to Iron County. Our natural resources are a major part of the setting that makes the County a superior place to live, work and recreate. Development and improvement of recreation facilities is important to maintaining this high quality of life.

Our goals and objectives include, but are not limited to, the following:

Goal 1: To provide a wide variety of year round recreational opportunities to all residents of and visitors to Iron County.

Objective 1A: Develop and expand the various trail systems including the non-motorized trails, snowmobile and ORV trails, water paths, cross country skiing and/or snowshoeing trails, and motorized trails.

Objective 1B: Continue to invest in the County's existing recreational properties such as Pentoga Park, the Iron County Fairgrounds, and Camp Batawagama by making improvements

It was apparent from the online survey that County residents were happy with the work that has been completed to date on the Heritage Non-Motorized Trail System and were in favor of the County perusing additional phases to extend and continue to develop the County's trail network. Additionally, the idea of water paths was well liked and residents indicated that these would likely be used.

Goal 2: To maintain and improve our existing resources and facilities.

Objective 2A: Make improvements to existing features at Pentoga Park such as an improved boat launch and parking area, new boat wash station and other general site improvements.

Objective 2B: Improve and update facilities at Camp Batawagama to allow for year round or extended season activities.

Many survey respondents indicated that a boat wash system and improvements to the boat launch and parking area were necessary.

Goal 3: To develop facilities that enhance the cultural, historic and natural characteristics of the area or site.

Objective 3: Make improvements to Cooks Run to include a driveway and parking area, accessible restroom, interpretive signage and nature trails.

It was noted in the Public Hearing that the Cooks Run property is a valuable historic and cultural feature that should be restored and maintained.

Goal 4: To develop facilities or to modify existing facilities to accommodate persons with disabilities to the extent possible given limited financial resources.

Objective 4A: Continue to update facilities to meet and exceed ADA standards such as restrooms and shower facilities at Camp Batawagama, Pentoga Park, and Cooks Run.

Objective 4B: Construct an accessible canoe/kayak launch at Pentoga Park to meet and exceed ADA.

Objective 4C: Provide new facilities when applicable that meet or exceed ADA Standards. This could include new toilet and shower facilities and accessible launches at the Paint River property and along any new Water Paths.

Meeting these goals will require partnering with local municipalities and private sector organizations as well as state and federal agencies. Collaborating with neighboring counties to enhance our facilities and services will also serve to avoid duplicity of services.

Preservation and restoration of historic sites is encouraged. Ongoing planning with regard to the maintenance of new facilities is essential. Costs analyses of all current and proposed facilities and programs are critical to their success. We believe visions are the first step to creating a positive recreational environment but a realistic financial analysis and plan is the second step to making it happen and keeping it going!

9. Action Plan

Pentoga Park Boat Launch, Boat Wash Station, and Accessible Kayak Launch

- Upgrade the boat ramp and boat launch area. Upgrades would include a boat wash station to help control invasive species and diseases.
- Expand the parking area, develop a handicap accessible parking area and toilets, replace and upgrade the dock.
- Add additional handicap accessible features to the site, particularly the waterfront area including an accessible canoe/kayak launch, accessible fishing pier, and additional accessible paths to the waterfront and other site facilities.

Funding sources:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Michigan Waterways Commission Grants
- Local Funding
- Park Fees
- Community Donations

Heritage Trail

- Continue with the development a 22 mile bicycle and pedestrian system along the MDOT designated Historic Heritage Route. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the heritage trail.
- Include signage along the roadway portions of the route, bicycle lanes, and shared use path.
- Development of the Heritage Trail would provide non-motorized connections to existing trails creating a county wide non-motorized trail network.
- Development of additional trail heads at significant locations along the existing and proposed path including the Iron County Medical Care Facility, Bewabic State Park, Pentoga Park, and other locations. Trail heads may contain restrooms, pavilions, informational signage, parking and access areas, and other site amenities.
- This project is likely to be completed in phases.

Funding sources:

- MNRTF Recreation Grants
- MDNR Trail Fund Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Iron County Heritage Trail Acquisition for Connecting Trails:

- Acquisition as necessary to construct hiking/biking trail connecting existing County trails to nearby regional trails, such as Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail, the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, Dickinson County Bicycle network and the North Country Trail.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- MDNR Trail Program
- MDOT Transportation Enhancement
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

County-Wide Water Path

- Acquire additional lands or work with the State to utilize state land for primitive campsites and waterway access. Provide amenities such as, universally accessible toilets and landing/launching areas. Acquire land to develop a hut – to - hut canoe/kayak experience. A map showing the potential water paths highlighting the scenic rivers and lakes of Iron County as well as river access sites is included on Figure 11 of Appendix A.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Paint River – Me-squa-i-cum-e Park

- Canoe/kayak put-in/take-out that is universally accessible
- Canoe/kayak landing/launching area and picnic sites
- Shelters for overnight camping
- Toilets and showers
- Interpretive signage

Funding sources:

- MNRTF Recreation Grants
- MDNR Trail Fund Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Cooks Run

- Development of the Cooks Run property could take place through a County Youth Conservation Corp. Development on the property could include driveway and parking area construction, building rehabilitation, accessible restrooms, interpretive signage and nature trails, and other site development. Information on the Youth Conservation Corp. is included in the public comments of Appendix F.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Camp Batawagama

- Upgrade existing facilities to support an extended season and a potential Youth Conservation Corp. Upgrades would include ADA upgrades, upgrade shower facility, winterize key structures.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF / LWCF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Iron County Fairgrounds Accessibility Improvements

- Accessibility improvements to provide accessible paths linking the Grandstand Area to the Fairgrounds Midway level.
- Development of additional ADA accessible restroom facilities and general site access and pathways.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding

- Community Donations

Snowmobile/ORV Trail Development / Acquisition

- Improve Trail Connections to surrounding communities and between existing trails for ATV's and Snowmobiles and improve the conditions of existing trails.
- Acquire property or easements as necessary to provide connections from surrounding motorized trail system. Construct new trail systems to improve access to downtown areas and to broader regional trail systems.

Funding Source:

- MDNR Snowmobile Trail Program
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Helgemo Game Preserve/Nature Area

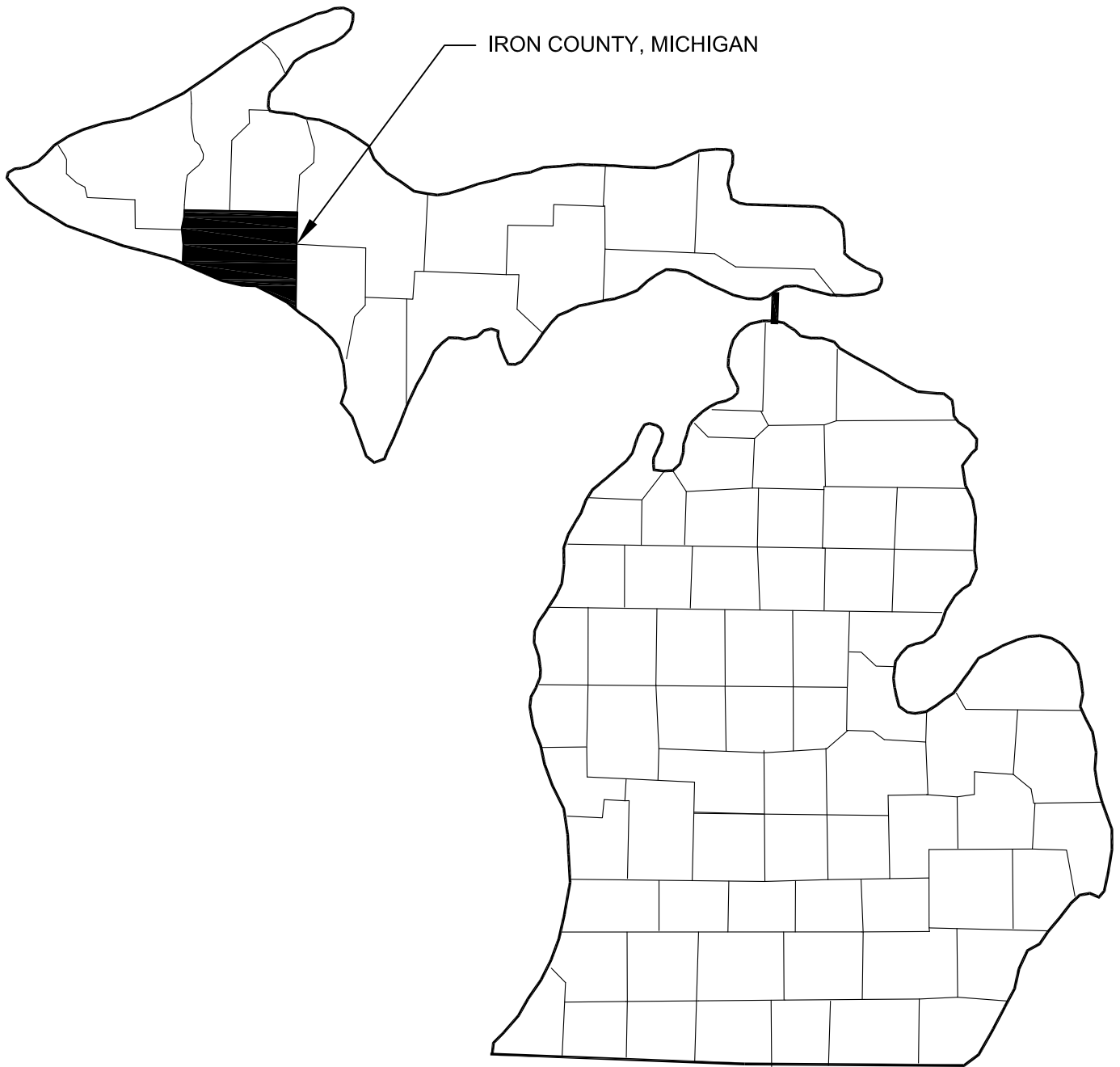
- The Helgemo Game Preserve is an 80 acre portion of land that was donated to Iron County with the intent to provide access to residents for enjoyment of local natural resources.
- Development of the site to provide enhanced access to local natural resources. Improvements would provide better access and parking, nature trails and signage, picnic areas, restrooms, and general site improvements.

Funding Source:

- MNRTF Recreation Grants
- Local Funding
- Community Donations

Appendix A

Maps and Figures



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MDNR Recreation Plan



LOCATION MAP

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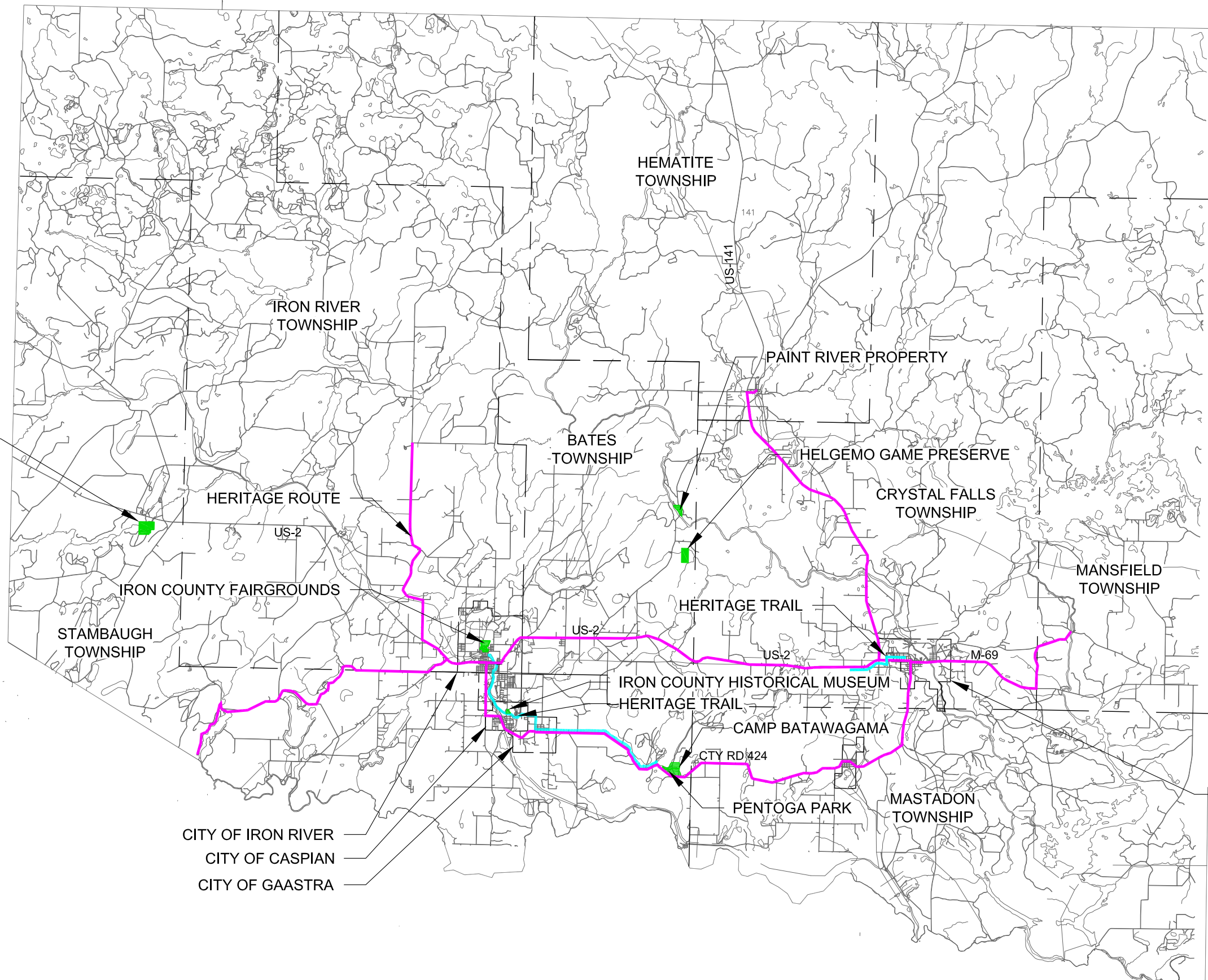
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Fig. 1



COOKS RUN PROPERTY
(POTENTIAL FUTURE
RECREATIONAL SITE)




CITY OF IRON RIVER
CITY OF CASPIAN
CITY OF GAASTRA

CITY OF
CRYSTAL FALLS

NOTES:


1. SEE FIGURE 7 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE IRON COUNTY HERITAGE ROUTE.
2. SEE FIGURES 6-10 FOR INFORMATION ON THE SNOWMOBILE AND ORV TRAILS IN IRON COUNTY.

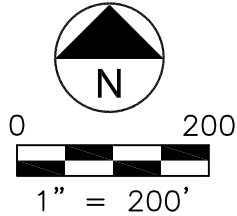
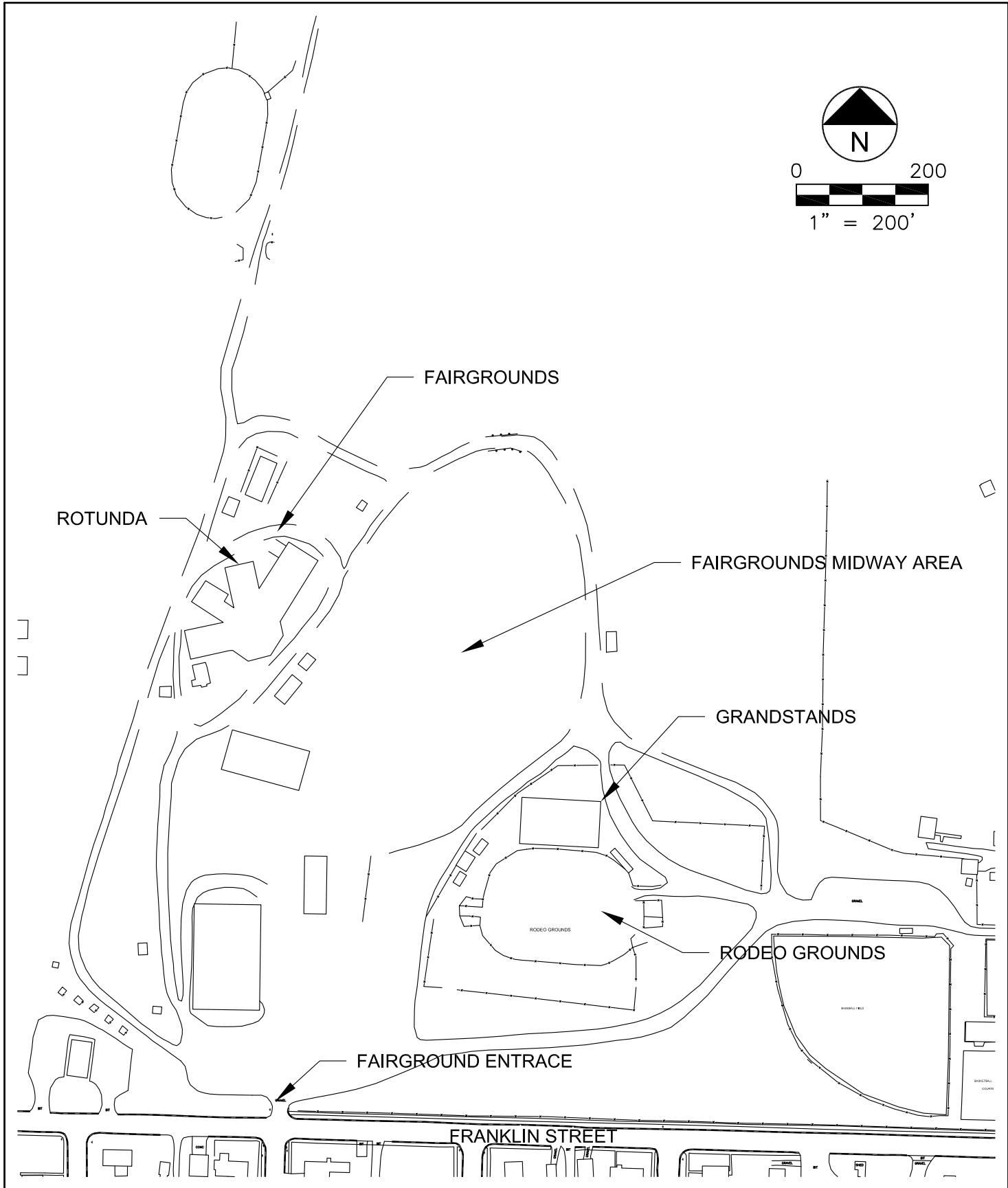
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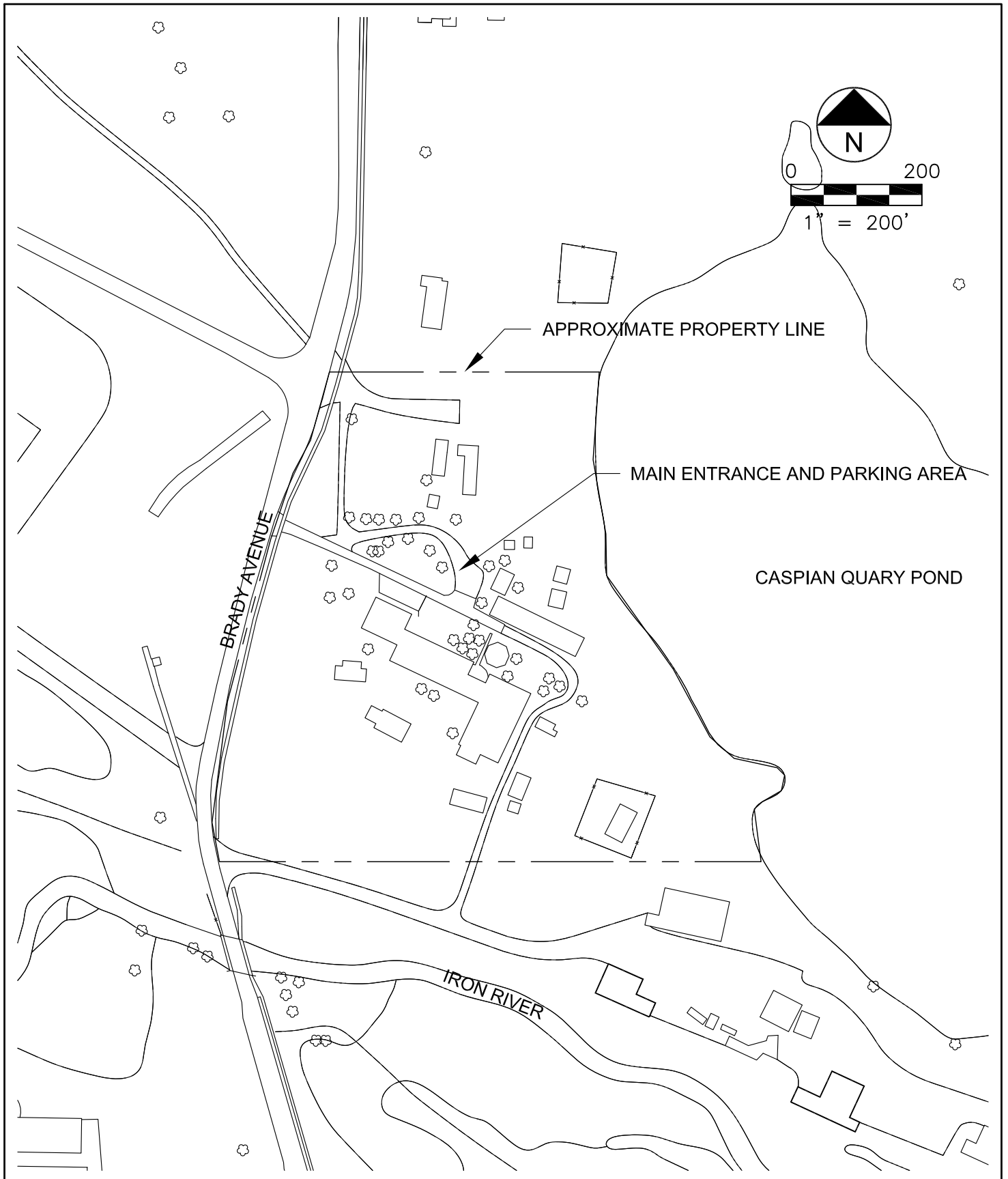
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<p>MDNR Recreation Plan</p>		<p>CAMP BATAWAGAMA SITE PLAN</p>
<p>Iron County, Michigan</p>	<p>Project 1510150</p>	<p>January 2016 Fig. 4</p>



<p>MDNR Recreation Plan</p>		<p>IRON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SITE PLAN</p>
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MDNR Recreation Plan

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
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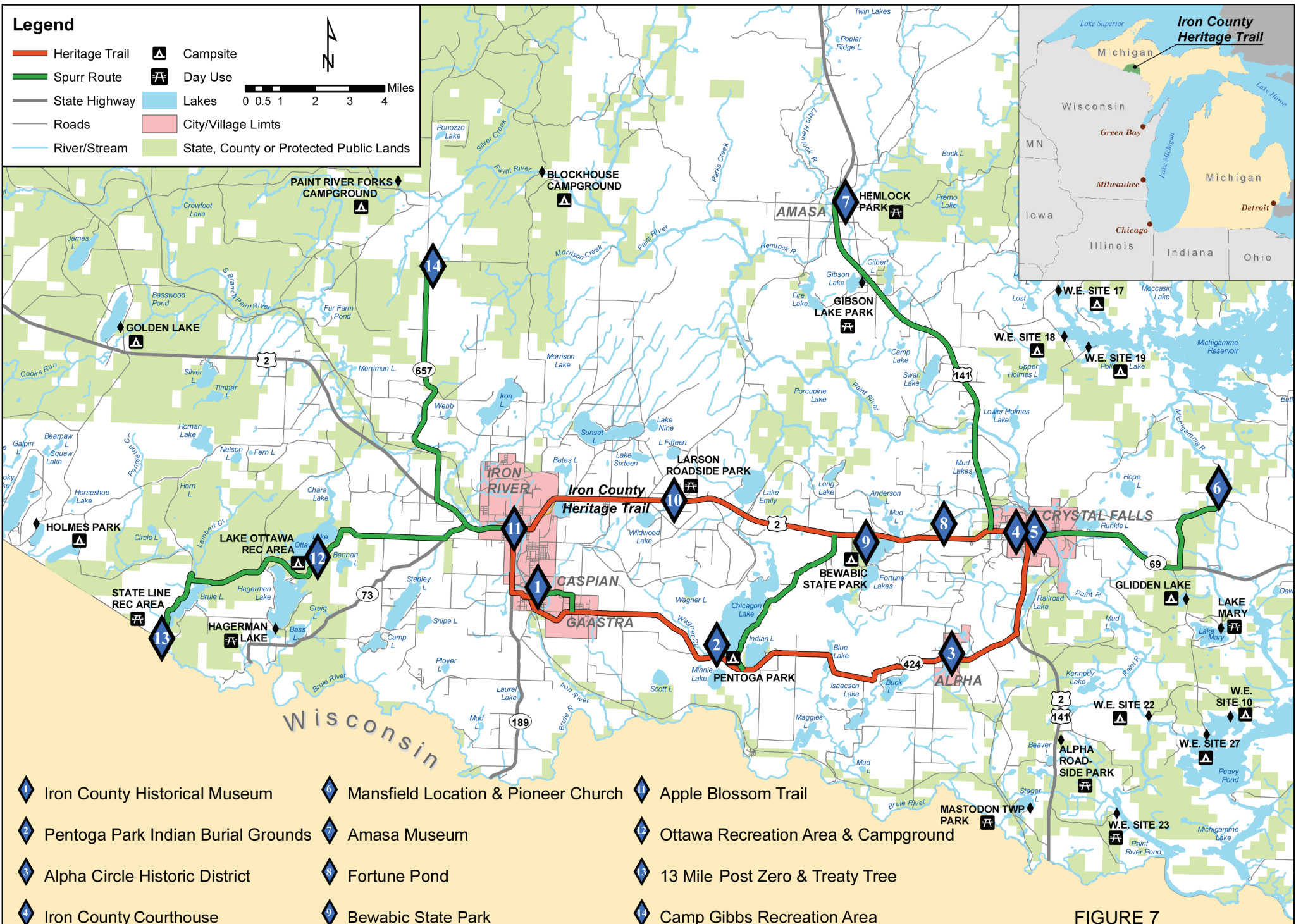
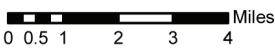
IRON COUNTY HISTORICAL
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Fig. 6

Legend

-  Heritage Trail
-  Spurr Route
-  State Highway
-  Roads
-  River/Stream
-  Campsite
-  Day Use
-  Lakes
-  City/Village Limts
-  State, County or Protected Public Lands



- | | | |
|--|---|---|
|  Iron County Historical Museum |  Mansfield Location & Pioneer Church |  Apple Blossom Trail |
|  Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds |  Amasa Museum |  Ottawa Recreation Area & Campground |
|  Alpha Circle Historic District |  Fortune Pond |  13 Mile Post Zero & Treaty Tree |
|  Iron County Courthouse |  Bewabic State Park |  Camp Gibbs Recreation Area |
|  Harbour House Museum |  Larson Park | |

>> Site descriptions on back cover

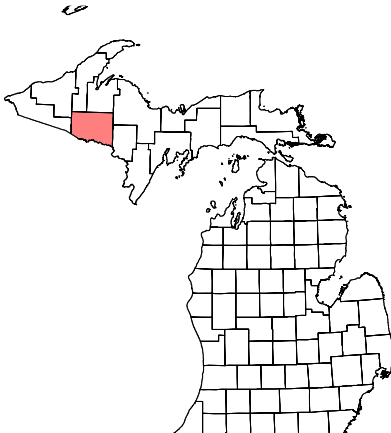
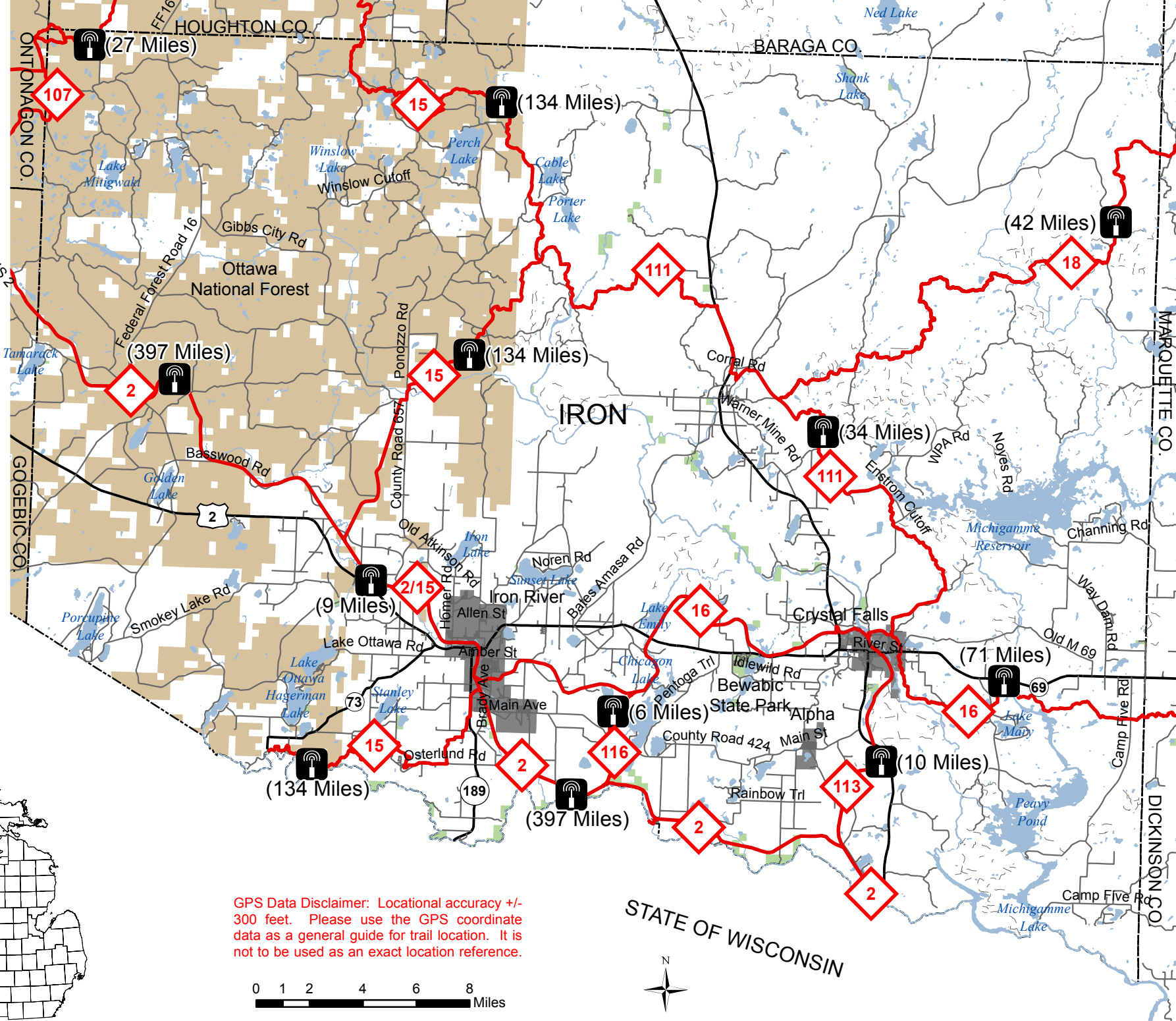
FIGURE 7



Iron County Heritage Trail

Department of Natural Resources
 Designated
 Snowmobile Trails
 Iron County, Michigan

- Legend**
- 107
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 - 15
 - 111
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 - 11
 - 2/15
 - 16
 - 15
 - 116
 - 16
 - 113
 - 2
- Parking Lot
 - Link to Download GPS file
 - Snowmobile Trail
 - Highway
 - Paved or Gravel Road
 - Poor Dirt Road
 - Lakes and Rivers
 - Cities
 - State Land
 - Federal Land
 - County Boundaries
 - Lac View
Desert Lac View
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GPS Data Disclaimer: Locational accuracy +/- 300 feet. Please use the GPS coordinate data as a general guide for trail location. It is not to be used as an exact location reference.

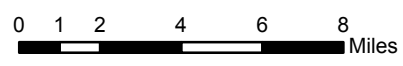
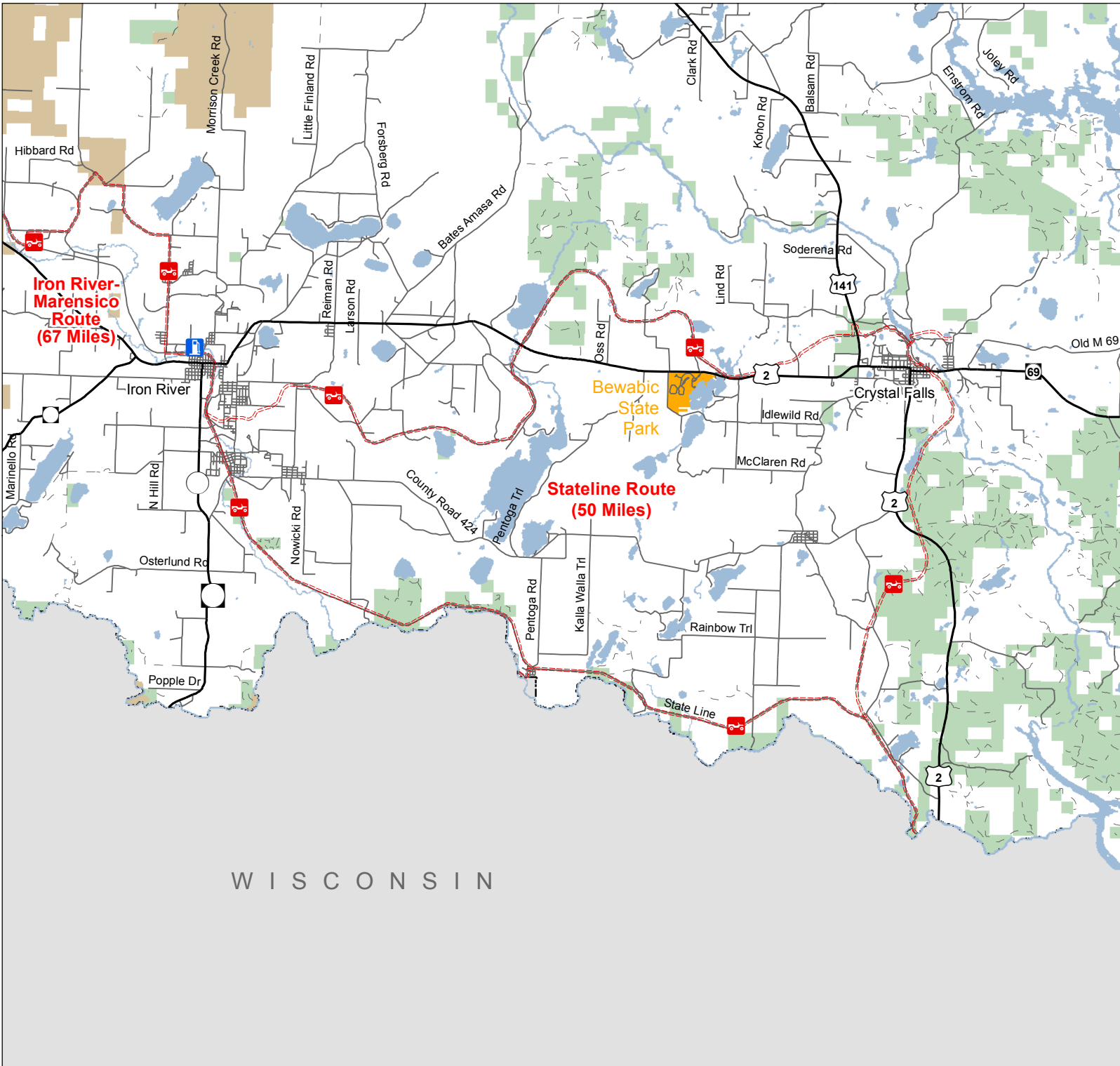












FIGURE 8 - IRON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM MAP

Stateline Route

Iron County, Michigan



 ORV Route – ORVs of all sizes including off-road motorcycles. ORV license and trail permit required unless licensed by the Secretary of State.

-  Gas Station
-  Highway
-  Paved or Gravel Road
-  Poor Dirt Road
-  Lakes and Rivers
-  State Forest
-  State Park
-  Federal Land
-  County Boundaries



Advisory: Trails and Routes have two-way traffic.

Disclaimer: Trails shown on this map are an approximate representation of the trail system at the time of publication and may not reflect current ground conditions. **STAY ON SIGNED TRAILS ONLY!**

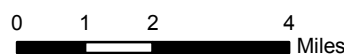
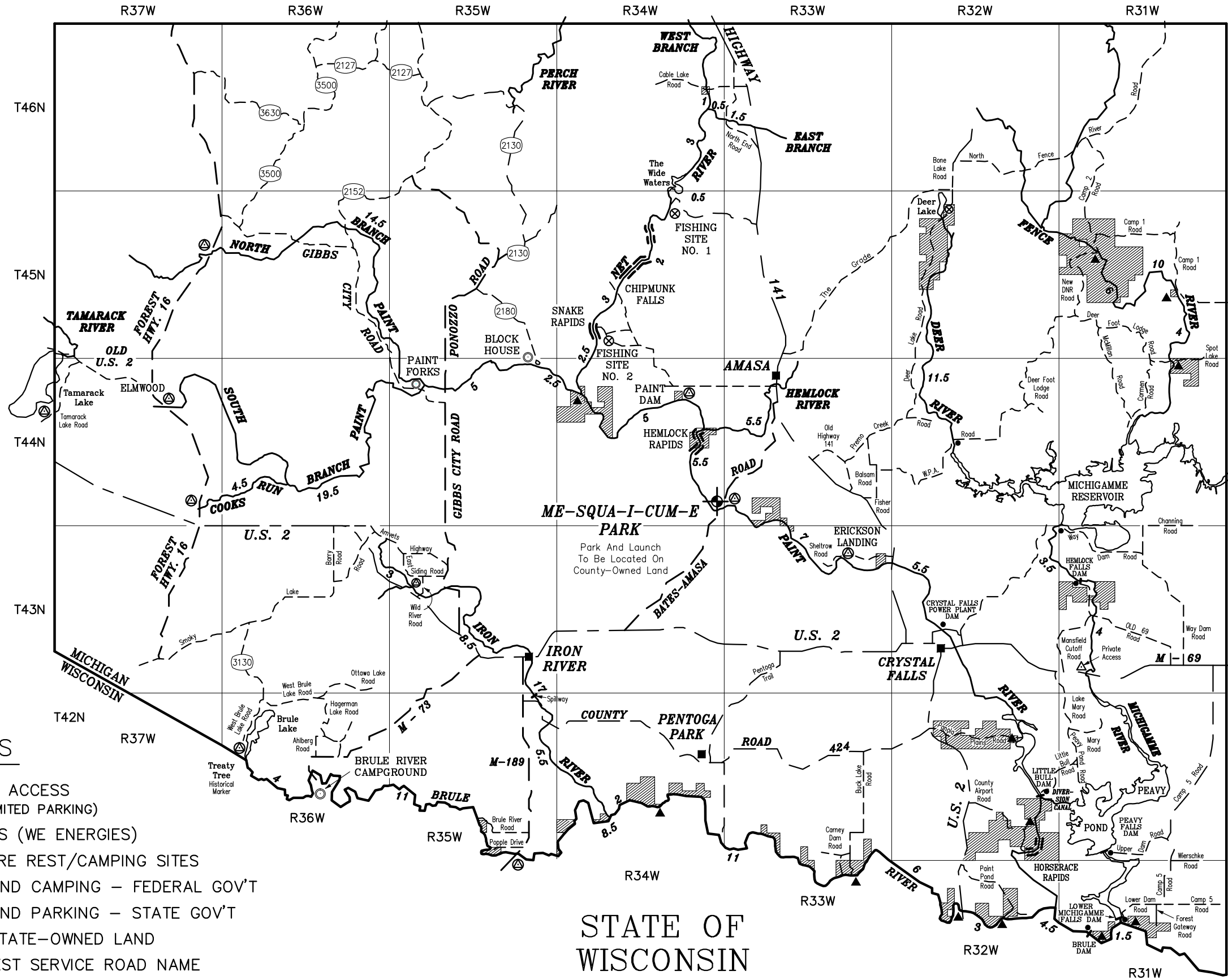
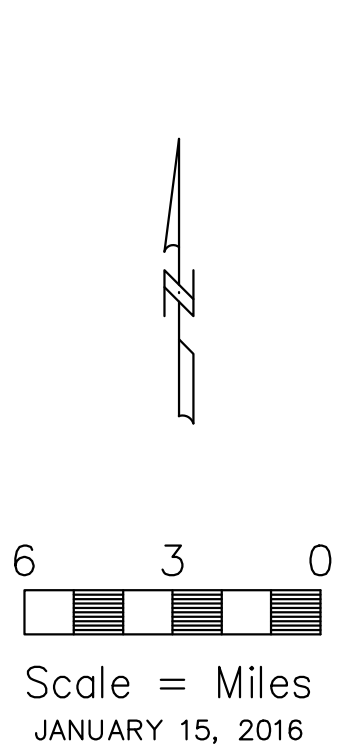


FIGURE 10 - IRON COUNTY ORV TRAIL MAP

Updated 5/01/2014

IRON COUNTY RIVER ACCESS SITES



200 PLUS MILES
NAVIGABLE
RIVERS

PAINT RIVER
65 CANOEING MILES
(Not Including North Branch)

BRULE RIVER
59 CANOEING MILES

FENCE RIVER
28 CANOEING MILES

NET RIVER
17 CANOEING MILES

DEER RIVER
11.5 CANOEING MILES

COOKS RUN
4.5 CANOEING MILES

HEMLOCK RIVER
5.5 CANOEING MILES

MICHIGAMME RIVER
7.5 CANOEING MILES
NOT INCLUDING RESEVOIRS

IRON RIVER
17 CANOEING MILES

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NAVIGABLE MILEAGE
CURRENTLY UNCALCULATED
NOTED RIVERS ARE
ASSESSIBLE AND NAVIGABLE

EXPLANATIONS

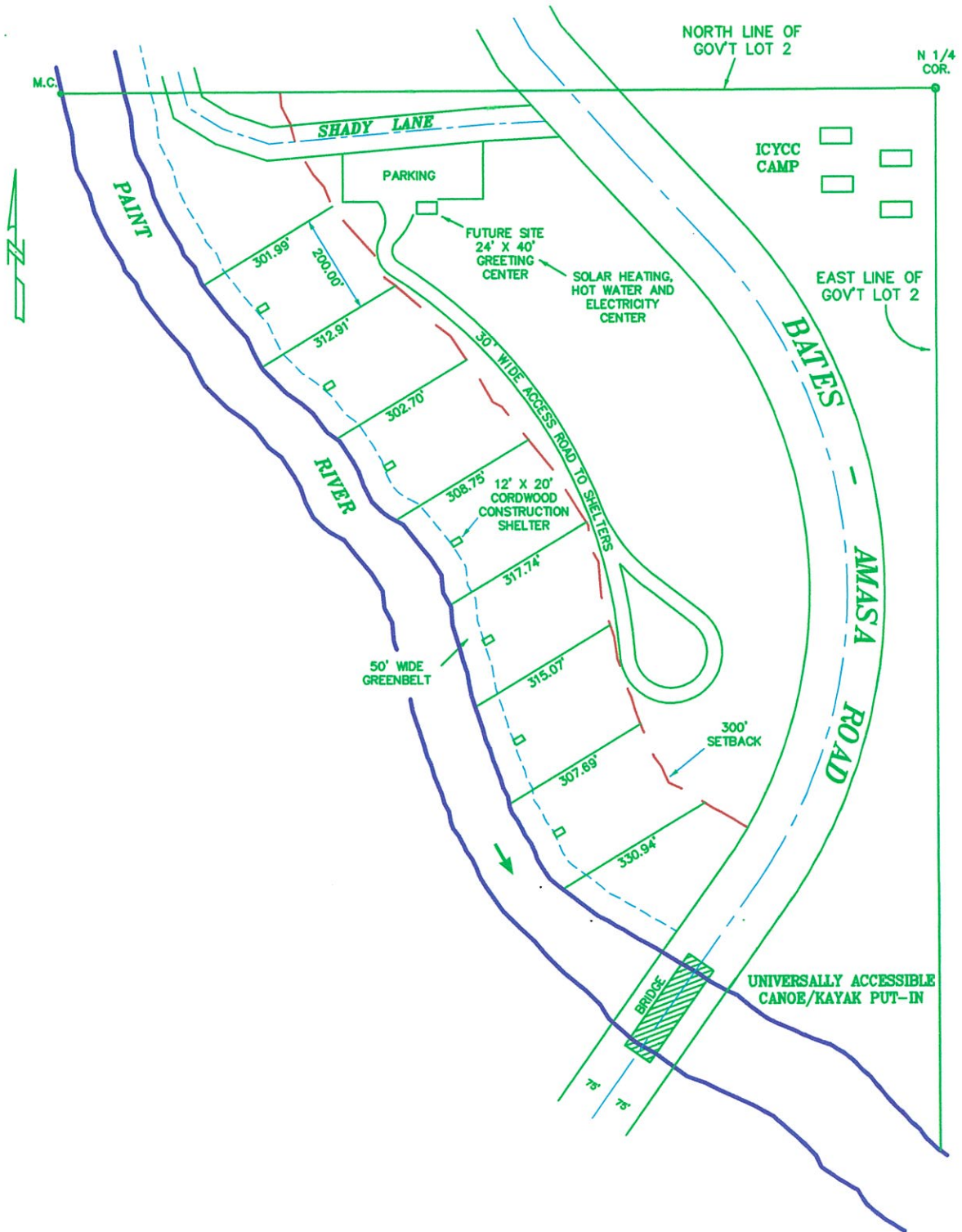
- ⊙ PRIMITIVE RIVER ACCESS
(NO FACILITIES - LIMITED PARKING)
- PORTAGE/TOILETS (WE ENERGIES)
- ▲ PROPOSED FUTURE REST/CAMPING SITES
- ⊗ RIVER ACCESS AND CAMPING - FEDERAL GOV'T
- ⊗ RIVER ACCESS AND PARKING - STATE GOV'T
- 〰 RAPIDS ▨ STATE-OWNED LAND
- (2152) NUMERICAL FOREST SERVICE ROAD NAME
- 8.5 MILES BETWEEN EXISTING SITES, PROPOSED SITES
AND/OR SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

STATE OF
WISCONSIN

FIGURE 11 - IRON COUNTY RIVER ACCESS SITES

FIGURE 12 -

ME-SQUA-I-CUM-E PARK
PROPOSED PARK PLAN
BEING GOV'T LOT 2 OF SECTION 36,
T44N R34W, BATES TOWNSHIP,
IRON COUNTY, MICHIGAN.



Appendix B

Recreation Budget

2016 APPROVED BUDGET

2016 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

2016 REQUESTED BUDGET

2015 ACTIVITY THRU 11/30/15

2015 AMENDED BUDGET

SL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2015 AMENDED BUDGET	2015 ACTIVITY THRU 11/30/15	2016 REQUESTED BUDGET	2016 RECOMMENDED BUDGET	2016 APPROVED BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES						
Dept 000-GENERAL						
208-000-485.000	PARK STICKERS	13,000	6,495	6,000	6,000	6,000
208-000-644.000	SALE OF SUPPLIES	1,885	1,885	1,700	1,700	1,700
208-000-667.000	TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	13,705	13,705			
208-000-668.000	CONCESSION RENTAL & ELECTRICAL	600		600	600	600
208-000-668.020	PAD RENTAL	120,000	109,822	112,100	112,100	112,100
208-000-668.030	SHOWER / LAUNDRY	1,000	817	800	800	800
208-000-668.040	LAUDROMAT WASHER RENTAL	300		300	300	300
208-000-680.000	PAVILION RENT	300	375	300	300	300
208-000-694.000	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	33	33			
208-000-698.000	CASH OVER OR SHORT	28	37			
Totals for dept 000-GENERAL		150,851	133,169	121,800	121,800	121,800
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		150,851	133,169	121,800	121,800	121,800
Expenses						
APPROPRIATIONS						
Dept 691-PARKS						
208-691-700.000	BANK SERVICE CHARGE	1,122	1,120	2,000		2,000
208-691-703.000	SALARY-CHRIS WEST	33,864	18,812	17,395		17,395
208-691-705.000	WAGES - LIFEGUARDS	4,380	300			
208-691-705.150	PART TIME JUDY HINGOS					
208-691-705.200	SPECIAL WORKERS	8,000	5,097	8,000		8,000
208-691-714.000	BENEFITS	24,850	6,984	14,500		14,500
208-691-715.000	SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	4,956	1,680	1,500		1,500
208-691-715.100	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	8,238	2,814			
208-691-716.000	INSURANCES & OTHER BENEFITS	1,044				
208-691-717.000	LIFE INSURANCE	58	35	65		65
208-691-728.000	PRINTING AND BINDING	500	316			

User: mdalpra
DB: Iron County

Fund: 208 PARKS FUND

Calculations as of 11/30/2015

SL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2015 AMENDED BUDGET	2015 ACTIVITY THRU 11/30/15	2016 REQUESTED BUDGET	2016 RECOMMENDED BUDGET	2016 APPROVED BUDGET
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APPROPRIATIONS						
Dept 691-PARKS		1,800	1,070	2,000		2,000
208-691-742.000	GAS AND OIL					800
208-691-755.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	160	160	800		
208-691-776.000	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,740	1,645	1,500		1,500
208-691-809.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,275	4,275			
208-691-850.000	TELEPHONE	1,200	978	1,800		1,800
208-691-914.000	INSURANCE	2,119		2,100		2,100
208-691-920.000	UTILITIES	22,000	17,066	23,000		23,000
208-691-924.000	GARBAGE REMOVAL	1,800	1,265	1,900		1,900
208-691-932.000	BLDG. & GRDS. REPAIR & MTN.	17,487	17,709	10,000	22,000	10,000
208-691-934.000	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND MTN.	1,862	1,713	1,540		1,540
208-691-935.000	VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	1,245	1,245	1,000		1,000
208-691-960.000	LICENSE FEE	350	699			300
208-691-960.200	INSPECTION FEE FOR HEALTH DEPARTM	300		300		
208-691-965.500	FIDUCIARY FEE	2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000
208-691-969.101	GENERAL FUND DEBT SERVICE	5,000	500	29,200	7,200	29,200
208-691-977.000	EQUIPMENT	500				
Totals for dept 691-PARKS		150,850	87,483	120,600	29,200	120,600
Dept 956-RETIREMENT			1,693	1,200	1,200	1,200
208-956-718.500	MERS 3/6 ER					
Totals for dept 956-RETIREMENT			1,693	1,200	1,200	1,200
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		150,850	89,176	121,800	30,400	121,800
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 208		1	43,993		91,400	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		27	27	44,020	44,020	44,020
ENDING FUND BALANCE		28	44,020	44,020	135,420	44,020

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016
		AMENDED BUDGET	ACTIVITY THRU 11/30/15	REQUESTED BUDGET	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	APPROVED BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES						
402-000-695.100	TRAN FROM GENERAL FUND	12,025	12,205	5,000	5,000	5,000
402-000-697.000	BEGINING OF YEAR BALANCE	3,425				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		15,450	12,205	5,000	5,000	5,000
APPROPRIATIONS						
402-000-971.750	PERMIT FEES	300	100	100	100	100
402-000-971.900	MATERIAL/SUPPLY COST	5,425				
402-000-971.956	EQUIPMENT COSTS	8,400				
402-000-971.976	CONTRACT SERVICES			4,900	4,900	4,900
402-000-997.000	END OF YEAR BALANCE	1,325				
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		15,450	100	5,000	5,000	5,000
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 402			12,105			
	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	(90)	(90)	12,015	12,015	12,015
	ENDING FUND BALANCE	(90)	12,015	12,015	12,015	12,015

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2015 AMENDED BUDGET	2015 ACTIVITY THRU 11/30/15	2016 REQUESTED BUDGET	2016 RECOMMENDED BUDGET	2016 APPROVED BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES						
498-000-403.000	CURRENT TAXES	240,576	240,576	241,000	241,000	241,000
498-000-407.000	DLQ/UNCAPPING PROPERTY TAXES		8			
498-000-417.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY	500	44			
498-000-424.000	COMMERCIAL FOREST	3,000	2,389	2,300	2,300	2,300
498-000-437.000	WITHDRAWAL FEES		101			
498-000-653.000	YOUTH CAMP RESIDENT	21,000	20,210	21,000	21,000	21,000
498-000-653.100	YOUTH CAMP NON RESIDENT	125,000	127,870	127,000	127,000	127,000
498-000-653.200	CANTEEN SALES	14,000	14,270	15,000	15,000	15,000
498-000-653.300	BAND CAMP	32,000	30,155	30,000	30,000	30,000
498-000-653.400	SENIOR CITIZENS DAY	1,400	1,259	1,300	1,300	1,300
498-000-664.000	INTEREST INCOME	498	526	500	500	500
498-000-667.000	TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	32	32			
498-000-673.000	SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	38	75			
498-000-677.000	REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS	68	274			
498-000-694.000	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		30			
498-000-694.100	SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM	1,200	1,323	1,200	1,200	1,200
498-000-694.400	MEMORIAL - FRISK	60				
498-000-694.500	DONATIONS		970			
498-000-697.000	BEGINNING OF YEAR BALANCE	39,598		42,676	42,676	42,676
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		478,970	440,112	481,976	481,976	481,976
Expenses						
APPROPRIATIONS						
498-000-700.000	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	15,000	15,602	15,000	15,000	15,000
498-000-700.100	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	1,500		1,500	1,500	1,500
498-000-700.150	LICENSING FEE	200	200	200	200	200
498-000-700.200	CONTRACTED SERVICES	5,000	3,326	5,000	5,000	5,000

Appendix C

Post Completion Self-Certification Checklists



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [X] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT 26-0055 PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Pentoga Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 1.86 acres for Pentoga Park

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Iron County, Sue Clisch, Administrator, 2 S Sixth Street, Suite 7, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, sclisch@ironmi.org

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities. Acquire Land

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? Yes No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.
There are numerous way finding signs located on nearby highways and other major roads including the Park entrance signs shown in the attached pictures.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Yes No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park maintenance crew regularly maintains the park during the open season. Larger projects are done in the offseason as weather allows.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Daily Use Pass is \$3.00, Annual Pass is \$10.00, and Overnight camping is \$21.00/night.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Park is open daily 9:00am to 8:00pm and is closed during the winter.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Sue Clisch

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Sue Clisch
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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LANSING MI 48909-7925**

**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Pentoga Park (26-00055)**



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign located on County Road 424



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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(Please select one) [X] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT 26-00137 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Pentoga Park

PROJECT SCOPE: See description below

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Iron County, Sue Clisch, Administrator, 2 S Sixth Street, Suite 7, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, sclisch@ironmi.org

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.
Develop 56 new campsites Lighting
Road
Underground Utilities
Dumping Station
Service Building
Septic System

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? Yes No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

There are numerous way finding signs located on nearby highways and other major roads including the Park entrance signs shown in the attached pictures.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. Yes No

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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Park is open daily 9:00am to 8:00pm and is closed during the winter.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Development of 56 campsites with road, underground utilities, dump station, service building, septic system and lighting; road widening & surfacing; drainage & graveling of trailer pads.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Sue Clisch

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Grantee Authorized Signature

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**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Pentoga Park (26-00137)**



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign located on County Road 424



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GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT 26-00137 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Iron County Pentoga Park Shelter

PROJECT SCOPE: See description below

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Picnic Shelter

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

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Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. Yes No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No

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GENERAL

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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

Daily Use Pass is \$3.00, Annual Pass is \$10.00, and Overnight camping is \$21.00/night.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Park is open daily 9:00am to 8:00pm and is closed during the winter.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Develop 6 acres, for shelter building, site preparations, and LWCF sign

CERTIFICATION

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Pentoga Park Entrance Sign located on County Road 424



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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GRANT TYPE: [X] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT TF87-093 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Iron County Fairgrounds Recreation Area

PROJECT SCOPE: Renovate existing grandstands to make them barrier free.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Grandstand Renovations

Blank lines for listing Grandstand Renovations.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Temporary signs are placed along major roads accessing the site during the various special evenets.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

The County Maintenance department is responsible for regular maintenance. The grounds are maintained by the Road Commission.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

Entry fees are charged for special events and vary depending on the event.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

See comment section below.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

The Fairgrounds are open to the public for special events such as the Iron County Fair, Upper Peninsula State Rodeo, and other events during the summer months.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Sue Clisch

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**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Iron County Fairgrounds Recreation Area (TF87-093)**



Iron County Fairgrounds MDNR Recreation Trust Fund Grant Recognition Sign



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GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT TF05-128 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Pentoga Park Campground Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: See below

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Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Sites with water and roads

Electrical

Fishing Pier and Paved Walkways

Signage

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? Yes No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

There are numerous way finding signs located on nearby highways and other major roads including the park entrance signs shown in the attached pictures.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Yes No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No

The County employees a Park maintenance staff that maintains the park facilities full time during the camping seasons.

GENERAL

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Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

Daily Use Pass is \$3.00, Annual Pass is \$10.00, and Overnight camping is \$21.00/night.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Park is open daily 9:00am to 8:00pm and is closed during the winter.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

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**Iron County, Michigan
MDNR Recreation Plan
Pentoga Park Campground Improvements (TF05-128)**



Pentoga Park Entrance Sign



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MNRTF Plaque Located at Park Entrance



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GRANTEE: Iron County

PROJECT TF10-064 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Iron County Heritge Trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Deveopment of a 7.85 mile trail extension.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

- Trail
Boardwalk and Bridge
Guardrail and Culvert
Site Work
Signage
Tail Kiosk

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY	
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>A Trail Head Kiosk was developed at the east end of the trail to provide information on the trail. See attached photo.</u>	
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>The local municipalities in which the trail section is located in has agreed to maintain the trails annually and as needed.</u>	
GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?	
<u>The Trail is open as weather permits. There are no set hours or seasons.</u>	

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Project scope consisted of the construction of a non-motorized trail extending the existing Apple Blossom Trail in the City of Caspian to Iron County's Pentoga Park.

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MDNR Recreation Plan
Iron County Heritage Trail (TF10-064)**



Heritage Trail MDNR Recreation Trust Fund Grant Recognition Sign/Trail Head Kiosk



Heritage Trail MDNR Recreation Trust Fund Grant Recognition Sign

Appendix D

Iron County Recreation Inventory

Iron County Recreation Inventory

AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
Multi-Township			
Heritage Route	Route	Public	Access to County historic resources (designated State Heritage Route)
Apple Blossom Trail/ Heritage Trail	Trail	City/Twps	Non-motorized paved pathway (~2.5 non-continuous miles), fishing piers, interpretive signage
Ottawa National Forest	National Forest	Federal	Varies (forest encompasses western half of County)
Snowmobile/ORV Trails	Trail System	State/County	Extensive network (21 miles owned by County*) Snowmobile Miles – 236 ORV Trails – 37
Bates Township			
Bates School	School	School	Playground, baseball field, gym
Block-House	Canoe Access	State (DNR Access)	Camp units (2), fishing, canoe access
Lake Sainte Kathryn	Campground	Federal	Camp units (25), picnic facilities, swimming, fishing
Norway Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (28), picnic facilities, swimming, fishing
Paint River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	Federal	Canoe Access
Perch Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (20), fishing, boat access
Sunset Lake Township Park	Local Park	Township	Camp site (12), boat access, baseball, bleachers, playground equipment, chalet, flush toilets, showers
Nesbitt Lake (Camp Nesbitt)	Local Park	State	Camping, swimming, canoeing (used by schools in the U.P.)
Chicaugon Lake	Township	Township	Fishing (fishing shacks are there in winter)
Larson Roadside Park	Roadside Park	State	Nations 1st Roadside park, restrooms, picnic areas
Crystal Falls Township			
Bewabic State Park	State Park	State	Swimming, picnic facilities, tennis, fishing, boating, boat access, camping, playground, 200 acres
Chicaugon Falls	Scenic	Private	Waterfalls
Deer Lake	Fishing Access	State	Fishing, picnic facilities, camping, 40 acres
Fire Lake	Fishing Access	State	Fishing, boat access
Gibson Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Swimming, picnic facilities, fishing, boating, restrooms, camping, playground, 20 acres
Glidden Lake Park	Local Park	State	Campground, swimming, boating, boat access
Michigamme River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	WI Electric	Access points, fishing, boating, boat access

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AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
City of Crystal Falls			
Crystal View Golf Course	Golf Course	City	Golf course (9-hole), snack bar, restrooms, 50 acres
Crystella Ski Hill	Ski Hill	City	Ski hill. Rope tows, restrooms
Forest Park Schools	School	School	Stadium, playground, multi-field, baseball diamond, tennis (2), archery range, nature area, restrooms, 20 acres
Lincoln Park Schools	School	School	Playground equipment
Riverwalk	Local Park	City	Barrier-free walkway, fishing piers, interpretive sign, benches
Runkle Lake Municipal Park	Local Park	City	Shelter, restrooms, picnic facilities, nature area, playground, baseball (lighted), tennis, horseshoe pits, swimming, fishing, boating, camp site (57), basketball court, 11 acre
Iron River Township			
Hemlock River	Local Park	Township	Picnic tables, fishing
Net River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	State	Access points, fishing
Baseball Field	Ballfield	Township	Concession stand, bleacher, slide
Camp Gibbs	Former CCC Camp	Private	Indoor and outdoor archery & rifle ranges, trap ranges (2)
Iron Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Fishing, boat access
Access Site	Access	Township	Boat access, fishing
Paint River Forks	Campground	Federal	Camp units (4), fishing, canoe access
Tepee Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (17), swimming, fishing, boat access

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AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
City of Iron River			
Forbes Field	Local Park	City	Softball field, playground
The Attic (City Hall)	Youth Center	City	Activity center (basketball, video games, etc.)
Bachman Park	Local Park	City	Ballfield, tennis courts (2), basketball courts (2), ice rink, playground, 3 acres
Ice Lake Park	Local Park	City	Shelter, restrooms, picnic facilities, multi-field, swimming, fishing, boating, scenic area, 6 acres
Iron County Armory	Indoor	State	Snack bar, restrooms, multi-room
Iron County Fairgrounds*	Fairgrounds	County	Grandstand, exhibition buildings, restrooms, 30 acres
Middle School	School	School	Gym, 1 acre
Nanaimo Park	Local Park	City	Bathrooms, playground
RV & Trailer Park	RV-Park	City	Camp sites (32), fishing
Hubby Holmes Field	Ice Rink	City	Fenced ice rink, restrooms, concession, 2.6 acre
High School/Elementary School	School	School	Playground, gym, multi-room
Nelson Field Complex	Stadium	City	Stadium, playground, multi-field, lighted tennis courts (3), snack bar, restrooms, picnic facilities, 14 acres
Senior Citizens Center	Indoor	City	Snack bar, restrooms
Skate Park	Local Park	City	Skate park, ramps, rails
Waterworks Skating Rink	Ice Rink	City	Restrooms, skating rink, 1.5 acres
Mansfield Township			
Dawson Lake Campground	Campground	Township	Campsite (18), swimming, boat access
Mansfield Township Park	Local Park	Township	Picnic facilities, playground, swimming, boating, fishing, boat access, camp sites (20), restrooms
Recreation Area M-69	Township	Township	Playground, basketball, tennis courts
Mitchell Lake	Local Park	Township	Swimming, fishing, boating, boat access (DNR), public access, church campground
Mastodon Township			
Horseshoe Rapids	Scenic	State (DNR)	Cliff- rapids below, fishing
Indian Lake	Youth Camp	State (DNR)	Boating
Buck Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Picnic area, fishing, boat access, campfires
Mastodon – Stager Lake Park	Local Park	Township	Playground, swimming, fishing, boating, boat access, bathhouse, picnic tables

Iron County Recreation Inventory

AREA/PLACE	TYPE	OWNER	FACILITIES
Stambaugh Township			
Bass Lake	Lake Access	Federal	Fishing and boating
Brule River Canoe Trail	Canoe Trail	Federal	Fishing, access points
Camp Batawagama*	Youth Camp	County	Youth camp facilities (lodging, swimming, etc.)
Hagerman Lake	Local Park	Federal	Day use – picnic area, beach, boat access, boating and fishing
Indian Lake	Local Park	State	Day use – picnic area, beach, boat access, boating, fishing
Carp Lake	Local Park	State	Boat access, fishing
Tamarac Lake	Local Park	State	Boat access, fishing
Stambaugh Lake	Local Park	State	Boat launch, fishing
James Lake	Local Park	Federal	Lavatory, fishing, boating
Stanley Lake	Local Park	State	Boat launch, fishing
Golden Lake	Campground	Federal	Camp units (22), swimming, fishing
Holmes Park	Local Park	Township	Picnic facilities, restrooms, swimming, fishing, boating, boat access, multi- purpose trail, camp sites (4), 31.5 acres
Pentoga Park*	County Park	County	Playground, fishing, swimming, boating, boat access, restrooms, camp sites (100), historic site (Indian burial grounds), 60 acres
Ottawa Lake Park	Federal Park	Federal	Swimming, fishing, boat access, camp sites (32), 551 acres
West Iron Co. School District School Forest	School Forest	School	School forest, nature trail
City of Gaastra			
Elmer "Swede" Anderson Memorial Park	Local Park	City	Ballfield, bleachers, soccer field, accessible parking and restrooms
War Memorial Park	Local Park	City	Memorial (no benches, but people take blankets to sit in park)
Children's Park	Local Park	City	Swings, basketball court, picnic tables, yard toys
City of Caspian			
Ballfield	Ballfield	City	Baseball field
Community Center	Community Center	City	Playground, tennis court, basketball court, indoor multi-room, meeting rooms, .5 acres. Run by Caspian Athletic Association
Indoor Ice Rink	Ice Rink	City	Indoor ice rink
Iron County Museum Park	Local Park	City	Horseshoe pits (8), restrooms, 5 acres
Ski Hill	Ski Hill	City	Rope tow, lodge

Appendix E

Notice of Recreation Plan Availability and Public Comment, Notice for Public Hearing, Meeting Minutes, and Resolution of Adoption

Affidavit of Publication

State of Michigan

RECREATION PLAN NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Sue Clisch, Administrator
Iron County Courthouse
2 S. Sixth St., Suite 7, Crystal Falls, MI 49920



Jerry DeRoche, being duly sworn, says that he is Editor of the Iron County *Reporter*, a newspaper published and circulated in said county and otherwise qualified according to Supreme Court Rule; that annexed hereto is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following date, or dates, to-wit: **Jan. 6, 2016**.
Subscribed and sworn before me on this **Jan. 7, 2016**.



Margaret M. Christensen
Notary Public
Iron County, Michigan
My commission expires 7/21/2016

Iron County Nursing Care Facility

Time RN Director

certified, or willing to obtain
Long Term Care
teaching preferred
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Crystal Falls, MI. 49920
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ecutive Committee at a special
meeting on Nov. 23 and rati-
fied by the full Commission
at the organization's regular
meeting in Bruce Crossing on
Dec. 21.

"We considered several
options, but in the final analy-
sis, we determined that the
best fit for the organization
going forward would be to
promote from within. Jerry
knows the job, he knows all
the players; he's had success
and professional growth; he
has proven himself," said out-

tation, and hazard mitigation
planning; and economic de-
velopment

Founded in 1968, WUP-
PDR is one of 14 Michigan
designated planning regions,
serving the six counties (Bara-
ga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron,
Keweenaw, Ontonagon) of
the Western Upper Peninsula.
The agency's chief role is to
foster stable and diversified
economies in the Western Up-
per Peninsula. WUPPDR also
serves as the regional clearing-
house for federally and state-
funded programs.

Community Supports Aide

Assist developmentally disabled and/or mentally
ill adults in Iron River, MI. Part-time and full-
time 2 p.m.-10 p.m. shifts or other shifts as they
become available, High School diploma, GED or
equivalent, and valid driver's license. Applicant
would also need to be fingerprinted and submit to
drug testing. **Starting wage of \$9.80.** Northpointe
is an E.O.E.

Send resume to:

Northpointe HR Director
715 Pyle Drive
Kingsford, MI 49802

R02 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

Recreation Plan Notice of Availability

The Draft Iron County Recreation Plan is currently
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Office at the Iron County Courthouse. The
Final Recreation Plan, which will be submitted
to the MDNR by March 1, 2016, will state the
goals and objectives of the County's recreational
opportunities along with action plan to achieve
the County's goals. The submittal of this Plan is
required in order to be eligible to receive recreation
grant funding through the MDNR. Please submit
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Clisch, Administrator, Iron County Courthouse,
2 S. Sixth St., Suite 7, Crystal Falls, MI 49920.
A Recreation Survey regarding the County's
Recreation Opportunities is also available on the
County's Website (<http://ironmi.org/>) and people
are encouraged to complete the survey to provide
input on the County's Recreation Plan.

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IRON COUNTY
MDNR RECREATION PLAN
NOTICE IF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Iron River is an EEO/ADA employer.

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Notice of Public Hearing

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Tim Aho, Board Chair

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February 9, 2016, Public Hearing

A Public Hearing regarding the 2016-2020 Proposed Iron County Recreation Plan was called to order by County Board Chairman, Tim Aho, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken with the following members present: Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, and Aho. Absent: Peretto

Chairman Aho called for public comment. Richard Sloat, a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee read a description of projects the Committee feels would be advantageous for the County to pursue in the near future, including 1) utilizing the Cooks Run facility for trails which could be used for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, etc., 2) handicapped-accessible canoe/kayak launch at the Bates-Amasa site, and 3) development of County property upstream from the launch.. Parks & Rec Chairman, Tom Clark, and member Dan Germic encouraged the Board to tour the Cooks Run facility.

There was no further public comment, and the Board moved to their Regular Meeting.

February 9, 2016, Regular

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016, and Finance Committee meetings of January 14 and January 28, 2016. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Agenda as presented, with the Pentoga Park ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch to be included in New Business #1. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairman Aho called for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Coates noted that there will be a "Senior Expo" on Friday, February 12, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Iron River Senior Center, hosted by the Iron County Authority on Aging and First National Bank & Trust. He indicated that there will be presentations throughout the morning, such as information on wills, finances, immunizations, and the Life-Tracker system, Coates also stated that blood pressures will be taken during the morning also.

Chairman Aho reported that the Road Commission will be looking at combining job descriptions and that there is nothing new to report at the Health Department.

Department Reports:

Sheriff Valesano informed the Board that he is looking at the possibility of purchasing a vehicle from Marquette County for use in the work van program..

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Finance Committee's review of bills of 1/14/16 in the amount of \$715,188.26 and 1/28/16 in the amount of \$572,590.68. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

2016 February 9, Regular

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Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to authorize GEI to apply for a DNR grant for an ADA canoe/kayak launch at Pentoga Park and work associated with the project for a cost not to exceed \$3,000 for their work on the application. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to appoint Board Chairman, Tim Aho, to the UPWARD Talent Council Board, with Commissioner Peretto to serve as alternate. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to accept the resignation of Lois Goodman from the Authority on Aging Board, with regret. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to appoint Carol Dallavalle to the Authority on Aging Board to fill a vacancy for the term of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the accumulated benefit payout to Amy Marinoff upon a position transfer from Courthouse Union to appointed official in the amount of \$1,724.22. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the additional billing from GEI consultants for the Heritage Trail Project in the amount of \$44,780.55. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

County Treasurer Camps noted she had viewed a piece on TV6's "Discovering" highlighting the "Fat Bike" and Ironline Sled Dog races, and how good that it was for Iron County. Chairman Aho also commented what a fun event it was.

The next Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The next Finance Committee meetings are scheduled for Thursday, February 11, and Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of President's Day.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

**IRON COUNTY
2016 – 2020 RECREATION PLAN**

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, Iron County has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2016 through 2020, and

WHEREAS, Iron County began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of Iron County were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well- advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on February 9, 2016 at the Iron County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Iron County's MDNR Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Iron County has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the County, and

WHEREAS, after the Public Hearing, Iron County voted to adopt Iron county MDNR Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Iron County hereby adopts the Iron County MDNR Recreation Plan.

Yeas: Aho, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff

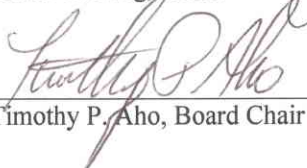
Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

I, Diane Hilberg, Clerk of Iron County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a Resolution adopted by the Iron County Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 9th day of February, 2016.



Diane Hilberg, Clerk



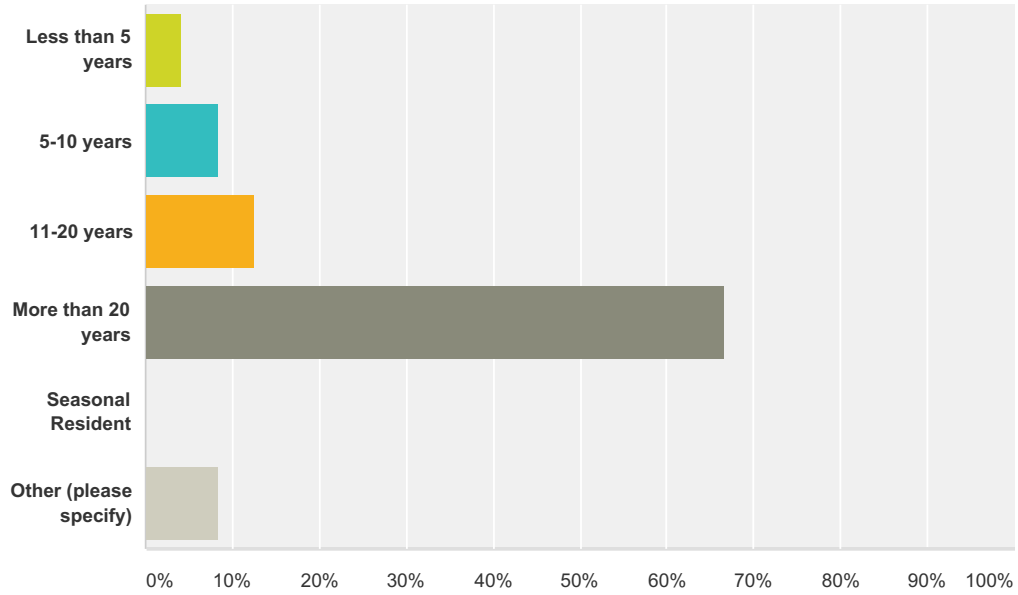
Timothy P. Aho, Board Chair

Appendix F

Public Input Process and Results

Q1 How long have you lived in Iron County?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0

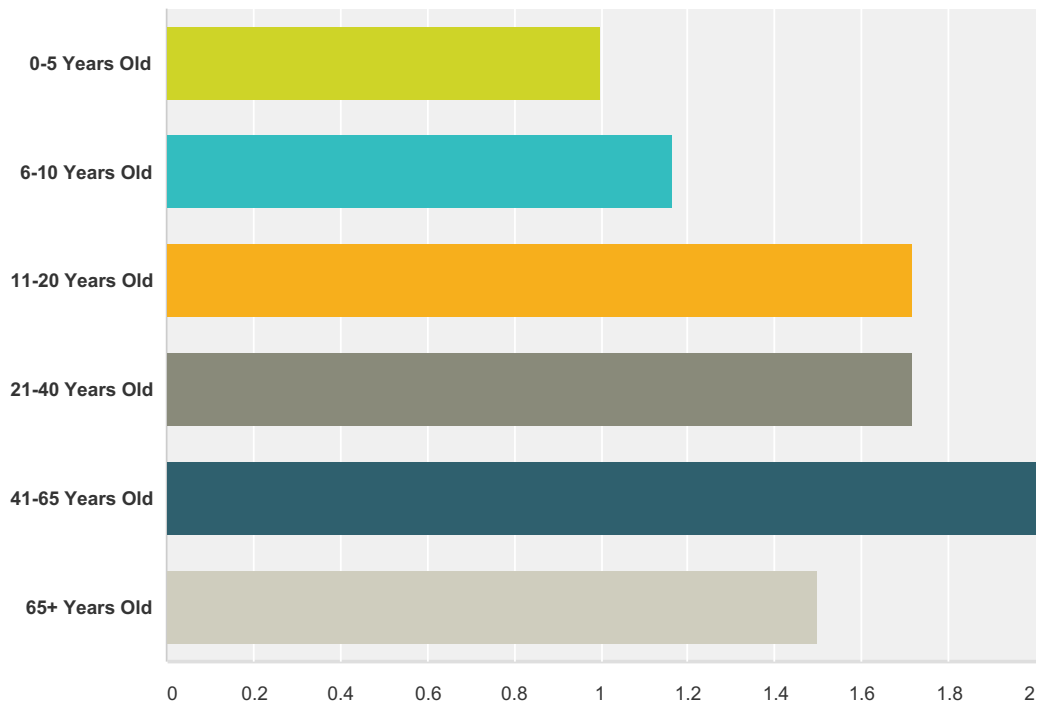


Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 years	4.17% 1
5-10 years	8.33% 2
11-20 years	12.50% 3
More than 20 years	66.67% 16
Seasonal Resident	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	8.33% 2
Total	24

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	55 years	1/13/2016 5:20 PM
2	I was born and raised here 58 yrs.	1/7/2016 9:59 AM

Q2 How many people, including you, for each age shown live in your household?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
0-5 Years Old	1	5	5
6-10 Years Old	1	7	6
11-20 Years Old	2	12	7
21-40 Years Old	2	24	14
41-65 Years Old	2	24	12
65+ Years Old	2	3	2
Total Respondents: 24			

#	0-5 Years Old	Date
1	1	1/18/2016 7:54 AM
2	1	1/7/2016 4:32 PM
3	1	1/6/2016 6:14 PM
4	0	1/6/2016 12:33 PM
5	2	1/6/2016 10:30 AM

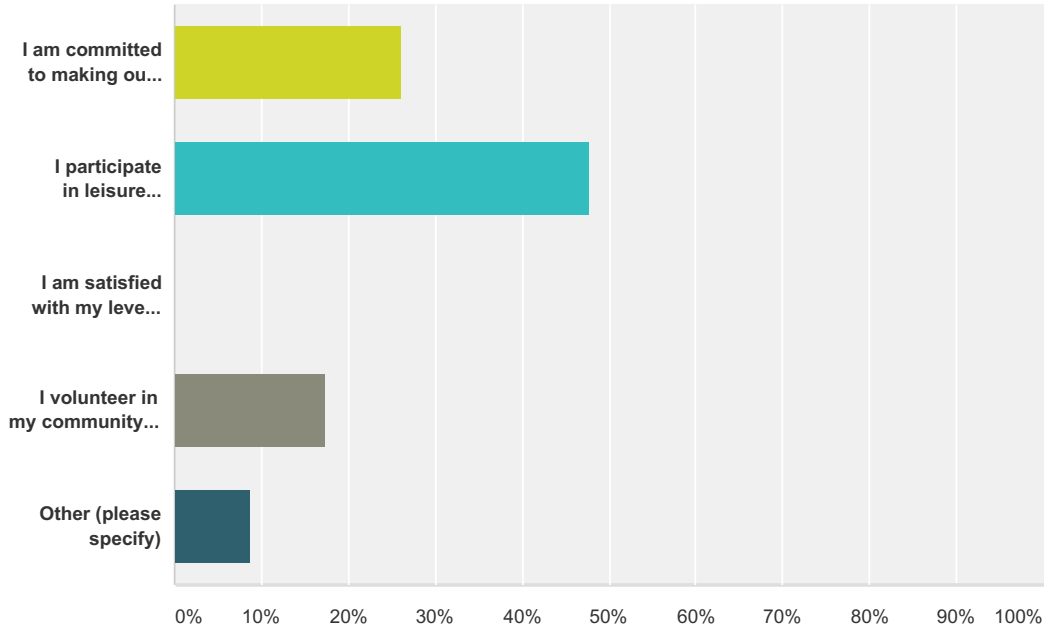
#	6-10 Years Old	Date
1	2	1/18/2016 7:54 AM
2	1	1/6/2016 6:14 PM

3	0	1/6/2016 12:33 PM
4	2	1/6/2016 11:54 AM
5	1	1/6/2016 11:35 AM
6	1	1/6/2016 10:39 AM
#	11-20 Years Old	Date
1	1	1/6/2016 6:14 PM
2	3	1/6/2016 12:50 PM
3	2	1/6/2016 12:49 PM
4	2	1/6/2016 12:33 PM
5	2	1/6/2016 11:35 AM
6	1	1/6/2016 10:46 AM
7	1	1/6/2016 10:39 AM
#	21-40 Years Old	Date
1	2	1/18/2016 7:54 AM
2	1	1/13/2016 5:20 PM
3	2	1/7/2016 4:32 PM
4	2	1/7/2016 2:36 PM
5	1	1/7/2016 9:59 AM
6	1	1/6/2016 6:14 PM
7	1	1/6/2016 4:08 PM
8	2	1/6/2016 3:03 PM
9	2	1/6/2016 12:49 PM
10	2	1/6/2016 12:33 PM
11	2	1/6/2016 11:54 AM
12	2	1/6/2016 11:35 AM
13	2	1/6/2016 10:30 AM
14	2	1/6/2016 9:40 AM
#	41-65 Years Old	Date
1	2	1/13/2016 5:20 PM
2	2	1/7/2016 12:00 PM
3	2	1/7/2016 9:59 AM
4	2	1/6/2016 1:59 PM
5	2	1/6/2016 1:02 PM
6	2	1/6/2016 12:50 PM
7	2	1/6/2016 12:49 PM
8	2	1/6/2016 12:33 PM
9	2	1/6/2016 10:48 AM
10	2	1/6/2016 10:46 AM
11	2	1/6/2016 10:39 AM
12	2	1/6/2016 10:09 AM
#	65+ Years Old	Date

1	2	1/7/2016 8:16 AM
2	1	1/6/2016 12:33 PM

Q3 Please choose the statement that describes you and members of your household.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1

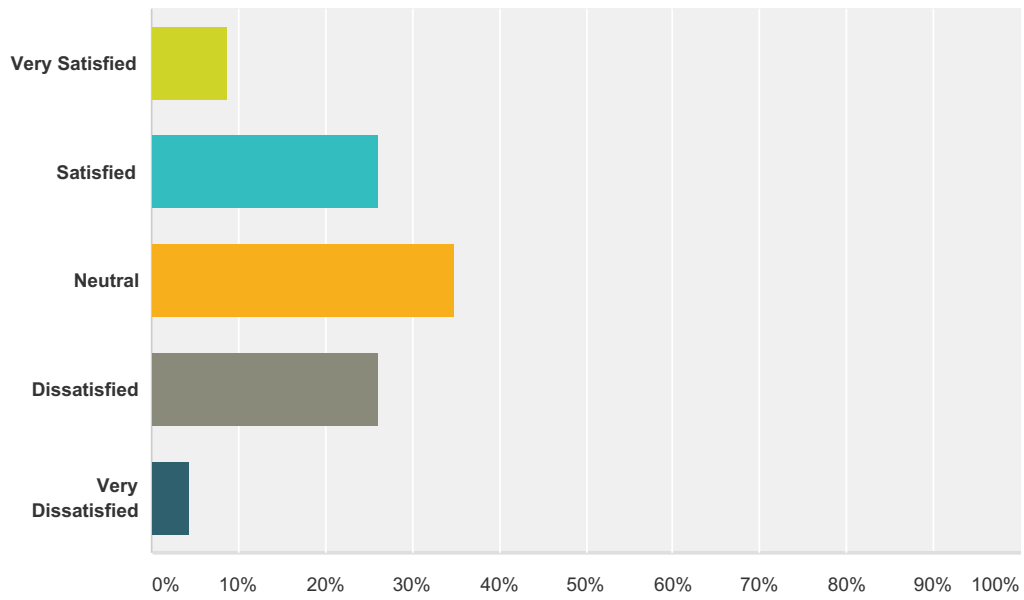


Answer Choices	Responses
I am committed to making our community a better place.	26.09% 6
I participate in leisure activities regularly.	47.83% 11
I am satisfied with my level of fitness and health.	0.00% 0
I volunteer in my community on a regular basis.	17.39% 4
Other (please specify)	8.70% 2
Total	23

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	All of the above	1/7/2016 12:00 PM
2	We are VERY active with Iron Conservation District	1/6/2016 6:14 PM

Q4 Overall, how satisfied are you with the County's recreational opportunities?

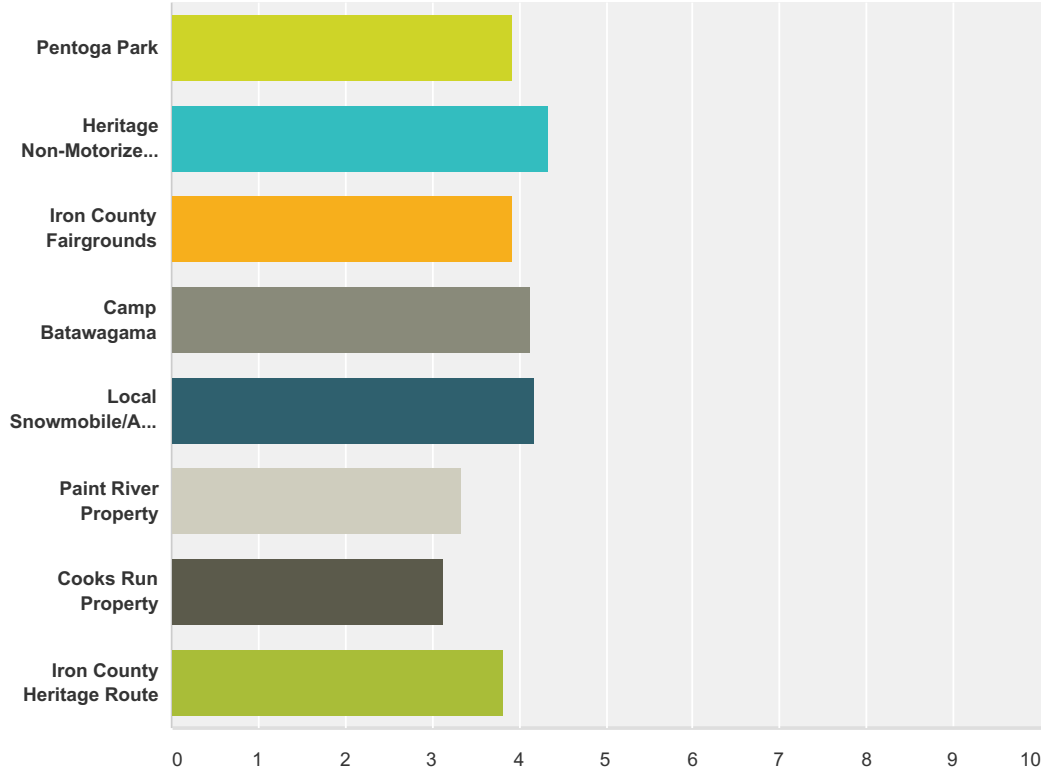
Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Satisfied	8.70% 2
Satisfied	26.09% 6
Neutral	34.78% 8
Dissatisfied	26.09% 6
Very Dissatisfied	4.35% 1
Total	23

Q5 How would you prioritize improvements to the County's existing parks and recreational opportunities?

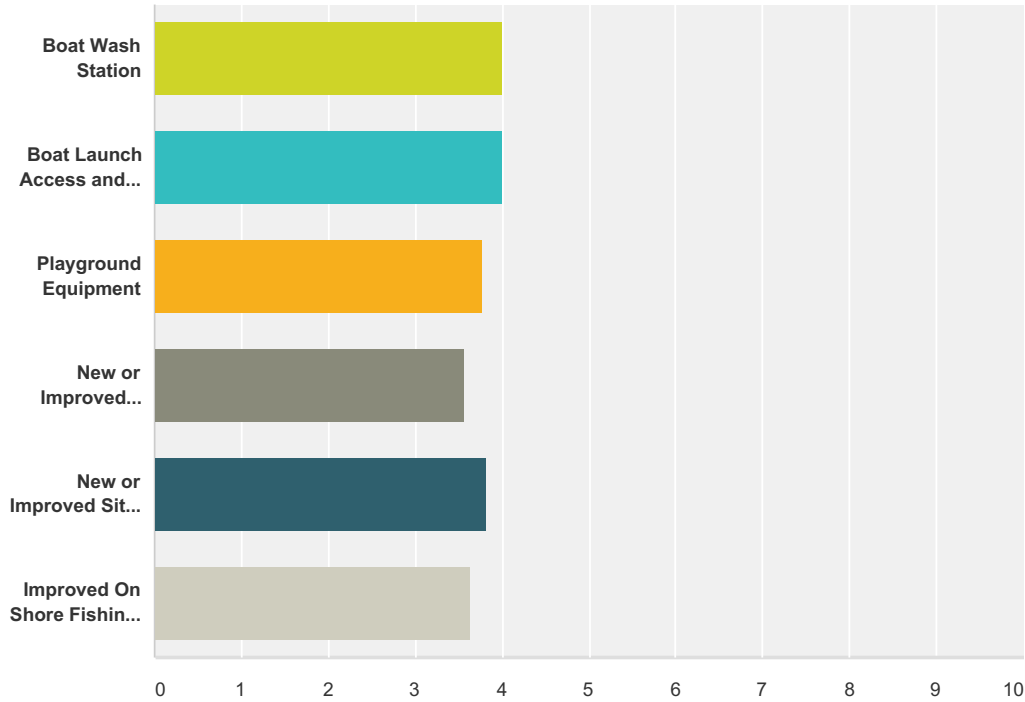
Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Unknown	Total	Weighted Average
Pentoga Park	33.33% 8	45.83% 11	8.33% 2	4.17% 1	8.33% 2	24	3.92
Heritage Non-Motorized Trail	47.83% 11	43.48% 10	4.35% 1	4.35% 1	0.00% 0	23	4.35
Iron County Fairgrounds	20.83% 5	54.17% 13	20.83% 5	4.17% 1	0.00% 0	24	3.92
Camp Batawagama	45.83% 11	33.33% 8	12.50% 3	4.17% 1	4.17% 1	24	4.13
Local Snowmobile/ATV Trails	37.50% 9	45.83% 11	12.50% 3	4.17% 1	0.00% 0	24	4.17
Paint River Property	20.83% 5	25.00% 6	37.50% 9	0.00% 0	16.67% 4	24	3.33
Cooks Run Property	4.35% 1	39.13% 9	34.78% 8	8.70% 2	13.04% 3	23	3.13
Iron County Heritage Route	29.17% 7	41.67% 10	20.83% 5	0.00% 0	8.33% 2	24	3.83

Q6 In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Pentoga Park?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0

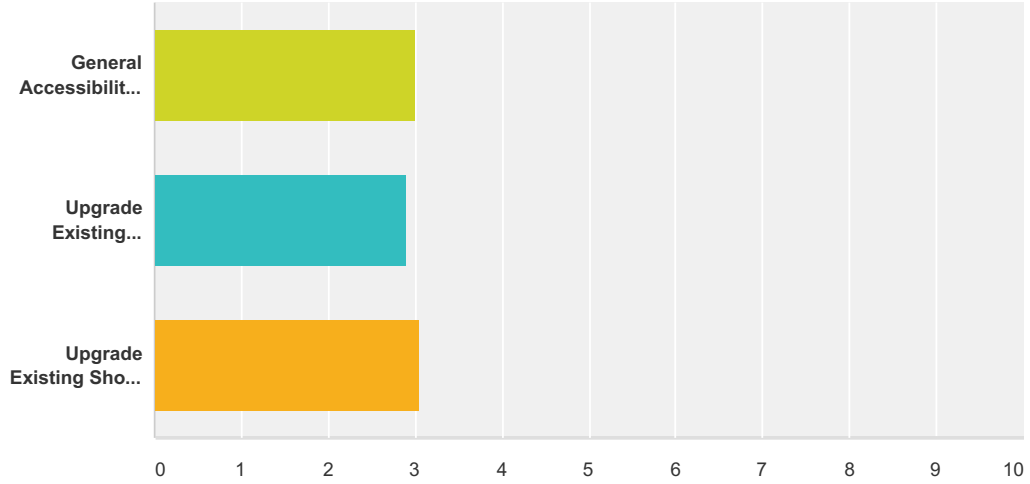


	High	Medium	Low	Not Needed	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Boat Wash Station	33.33% 8	41.67% 10	8.33% 2	12.50% 3	4.17% 1	24	4.00
Boat Launch Access and Parking Improvements	21.74% 5	52.17% 12	13.04% 3	4.35% 1	8.70% 2	23	4.00
Playground Equipment	21.74% 5	43.48% 10	17.39% 4	13.04% 3	4.35% 1	23	3.77
New or Improved Campsites	25.00% 6	29.17% 7	16.67% 4	25.00% 6	4.17% 1	24	3.57
New or Improved Site Facilities	29.17% 7	33.33% 8	12.50% 3	16.67% 4	8.33% 2	24	3.82
Improved On Shore Fishing Facilities and Access	25.00% 6	25.00% 6	25.00% 6	16.67% 4	8.33% 2	24	3.64

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Cabins for weekly, monthly,seasonal in the woods between boat launch and Park would be a nice amenity for families and revenue for County	1/7/2016 9:59 AM
2	Improved camp site privacy	1/6/2016 6:14 PM
3	Need to improve the boat fishing access and provide better auxiliary facilities such as restrooms. The vault toilet has been sealed for years and ice fishing do not have a bathroom to use. The lake is extremely popular for recreation and fishing and need to improve the launch ramp and pier.	1/6/2016 11:35 AM

Q7 In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Camp Batawagama?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0

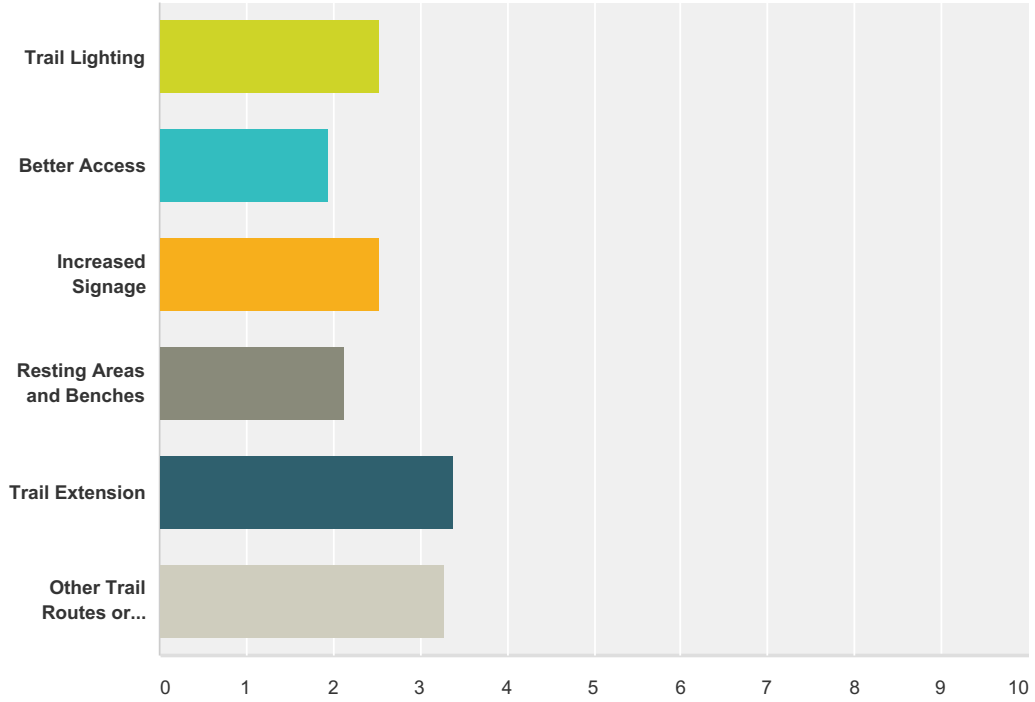


	High	Medium	Low	Not Needed	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
General Accessibility/ADA Improvements	37.50% 9	25.00% 6	20.83% 5	8.33% 2	8.33% 2	24	3.00
Upgrade Existing Facilities	25.00% 6	33.33% 8	16.67% 4	8.33% 2	16.67% 4	24	2.90
Upgrade Existing Shower Facility	33.33% 8	29.17% 7	12.50% 3	8.33% 2	16.67% 4	24	3.05

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We have never been to this property	1/18/2016 7:54 AM
2	This place gets plenty of our tax dollars already, budget properly and use this money properly.	1/6/2016 10:39 AM

Q8 In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements for the Heritage Trail?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0

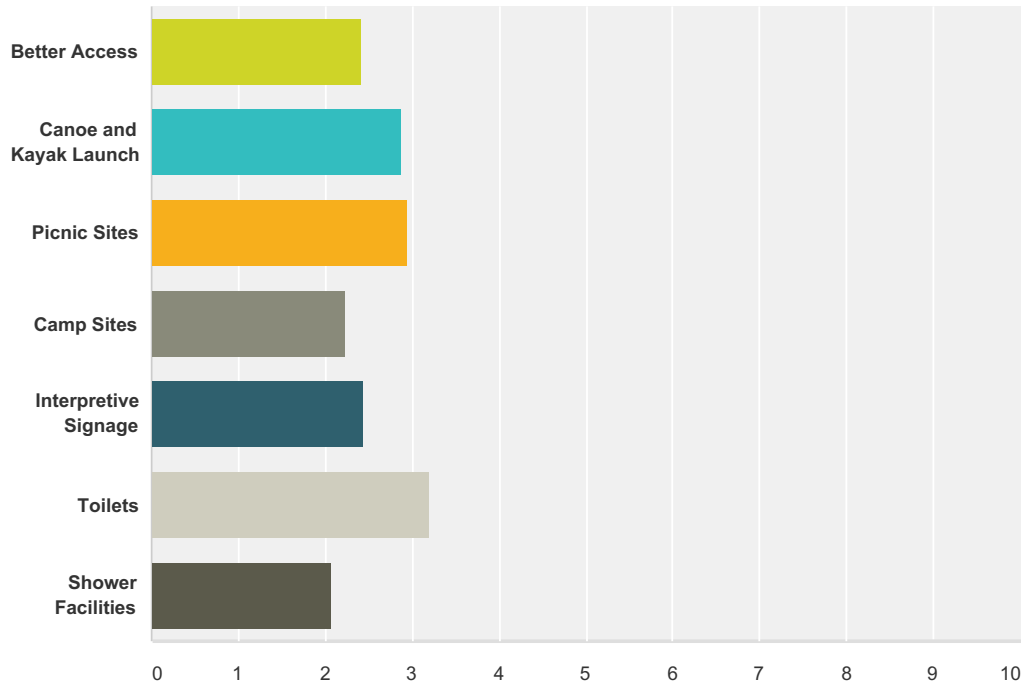


	High	Medium	Low	Not Needed	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Trail Lighting	16.67% 4	33.33% 8	29.17% 7	16.67% 4	4.17% 1	24	2.52
Better Access	0.00% 0	31.82% 7	27.27% 6	36.36% 8	4.55% 1	22	1.95
Increased Signage	16.67% 4	37.50% 9	20.83% 5	20.83% 5	4.17% 1	24	2.52
Resting Areas and Benches	12.50% 3	16.67% 4	37.50% 9	29.17% 7	4.17% 1	24	2.13
Trail Extension	54.55% 12	27.27% 6	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	22	3.38
Other Trail Routes or Branches	47.83% 11	30.43% 7	13.04% 3	4.35% 1	4.35% 1	23	3.27

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Our Heritage Trail is beautiful and wonderful walk for distance.	1/7/2016 9:59 AM

Q9 In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at the County owned property along the Paint River – Me-squa-i-cum-e Park?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 2

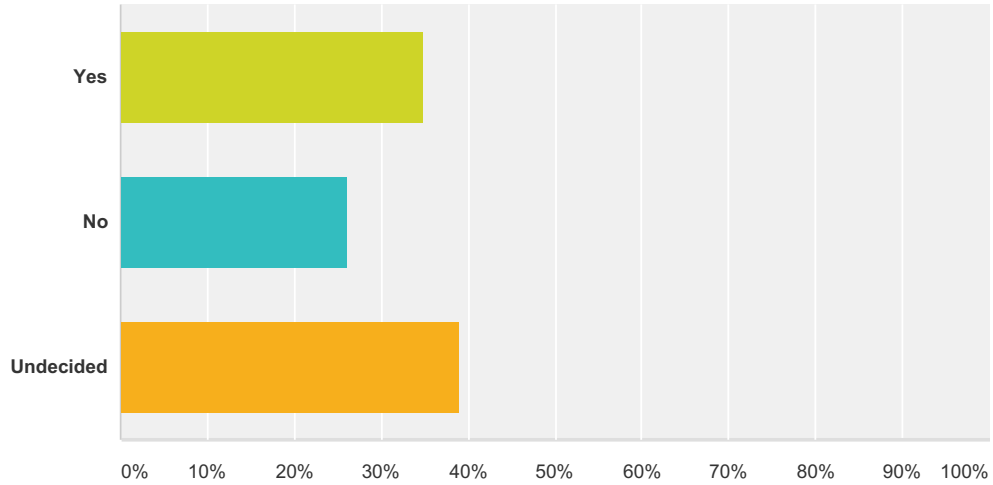


	High	Medium	Low	Not Needed	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Better Access	14.29% 3	4.76% 1	42.86% 9	4.76% 1	33.33% 7	21	2.43
Canoe and Kayak Launch	27.27% 6	22.73% 5	18.18% 4	9.09% 2	22.73% 5	22	2.88
Picnic Sites	18.18% 4	36.36% 8	13.64% 3	4.55% 1	27.27% 6	22	2.94
Camp Sites	18.18% 4	13.64% 3	13.64% 3	31.82% 7	22.73% 5	22	2.24
Interpretive Signage	14.29% 3	19.05% 4	28.57% 6	14.29% 3	23.81% 5	21	2.44
Toilets	31.82% 7	27.27% 6	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	27.27% 6	22	3.19
Shower Facilities	18.18% 4	4.55% 1	9.09% 2	36.36% 8	31.82% 7	22	2.07

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We have never been to this property	1/18/2016 7:54 AM
2	non familiar with this	1/7/2016 12:00 PM

Q10 Should the County play an active role in a project developing and improving the Cooks Run property to create additional recreational opportunities?

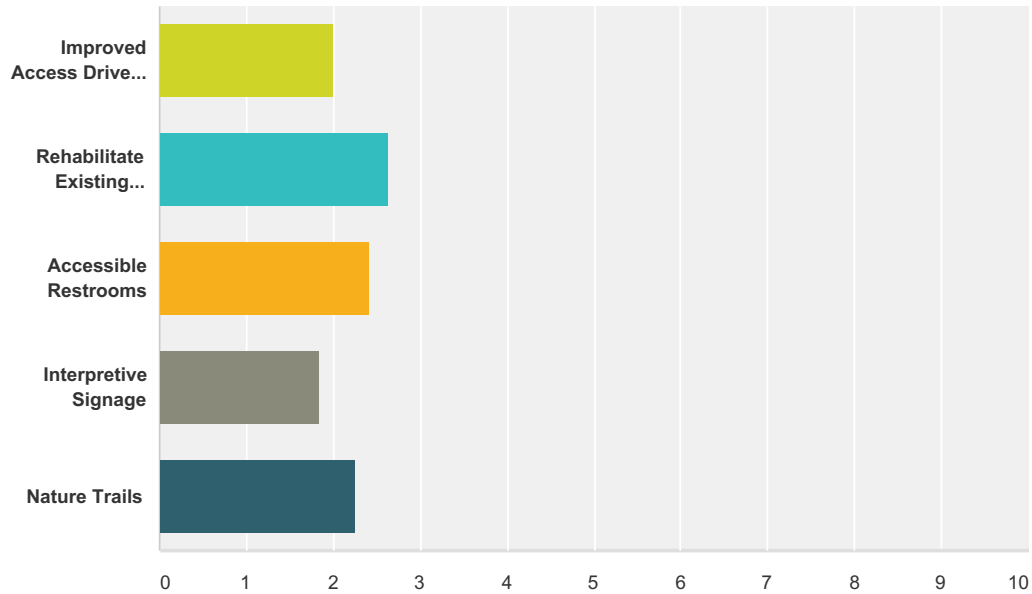
Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	34.78% 8
No	26.09% 6
Undecided	39.13% 9
Total	23

Q11 In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at the County owned Cooks Run property?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 4

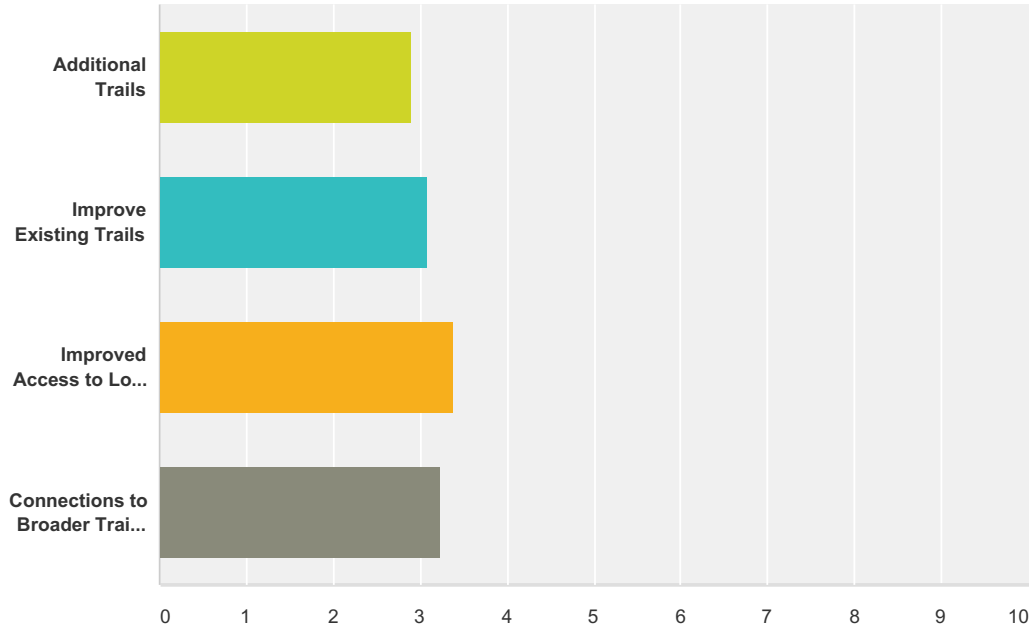


	High	Medium	Low	Not Needed	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Improved Access Drive and Parking	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	15.00% 3	25.00% 5	45.00% 9	20	2.00
Rehabilitate Existing Structures	25.00% 5	0.00% 0	15.00% 3	15.00% 3	45.00% 9	20	2.64
Accessible Restrooms	20.00% 4	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	25.00% 5	40.00% 8	20	2.42
Interpretive Signage	0.00% 0	15.00% 3	20.00% 4	25.00% 5	40.00% 8	20	1.83
Nature Trails	5.00% 1	25.00% 5	10.00% 2	20.00% 4	40.00% 8	20	2.25

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We have never been to this property	1/18/2016 7:54 AM
2	Should trade it with the National Forest for some other property.	1/13/2016 5:20 PM
3	Need to see potential uses prior to making priorities	1/6/2016 12:50 PM
4	Not familiar enough to form an opinion.	1/6/2016 12:33 PM
5	I recommend securing a private party to own/operate this facility.	1/6/2016 11:35 AM
6	This property should have been allowed to be run as a fish hatchery when the opportunity was presented	1/6/2016 10:39 AM

Q12 In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements to the County's Snowmobile and ORV Trails?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1

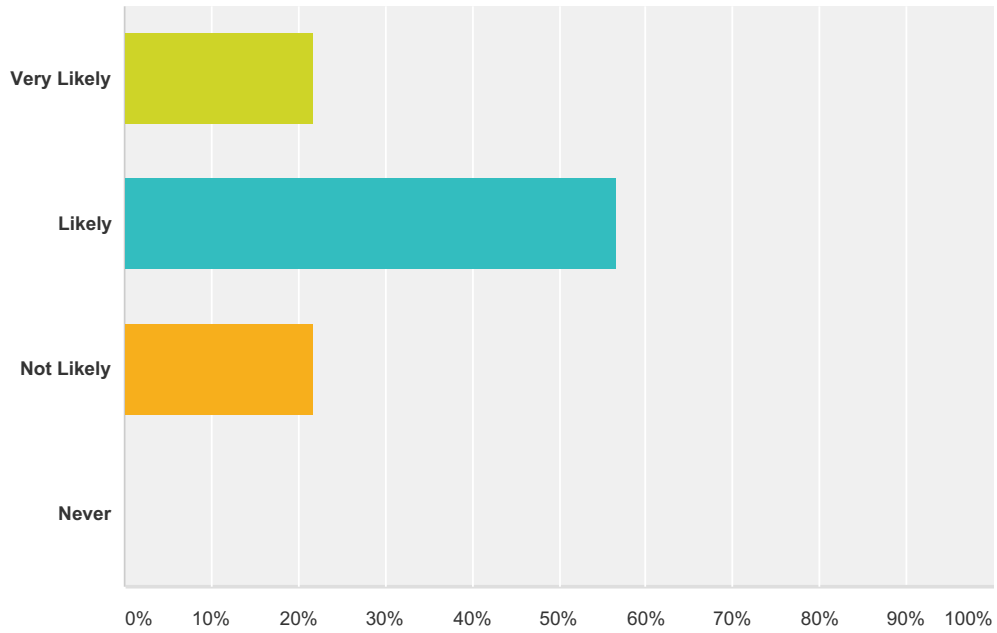


	High	Medium	Low	Not Needed	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Additional Trails	34.78% 8	26.09% 6	26.09% 6	8.70% 2	4.35% 1	23	2.91
Improve Existing Trails	45.45% 10	31.82% 7	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	0.00% 0	22	3.09
Improved Access to Local Downtowns	65.22% 15	17.39% 4	8.70% 2	8.70% 2	0.00% 0	23	3.39
Connections to Broader Trail Networks	52.17% 12	21.74% 5	4.35% 1	13.04% 3	8.70% 2	23	3.24

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	ORV Trail Development should be a high priority and need to develop trail heads for parking and wayfinding. The UTV market is booming and they spend a lot of \$\$ and we need the infrastructure to support and attract them. Need to think like Wisconsin on their trail systems that you can navigate nearly the entire state from anywhere.	1/6/2016 11:35 AM
2	The State already takes care of this	1/6/2016 10:39 AM

Q13 If the County were to develop a Water Path (a water path that is developed with launch points, camping locations and points of interest for canoeists or kayakers), how likely would you utilize this feature?

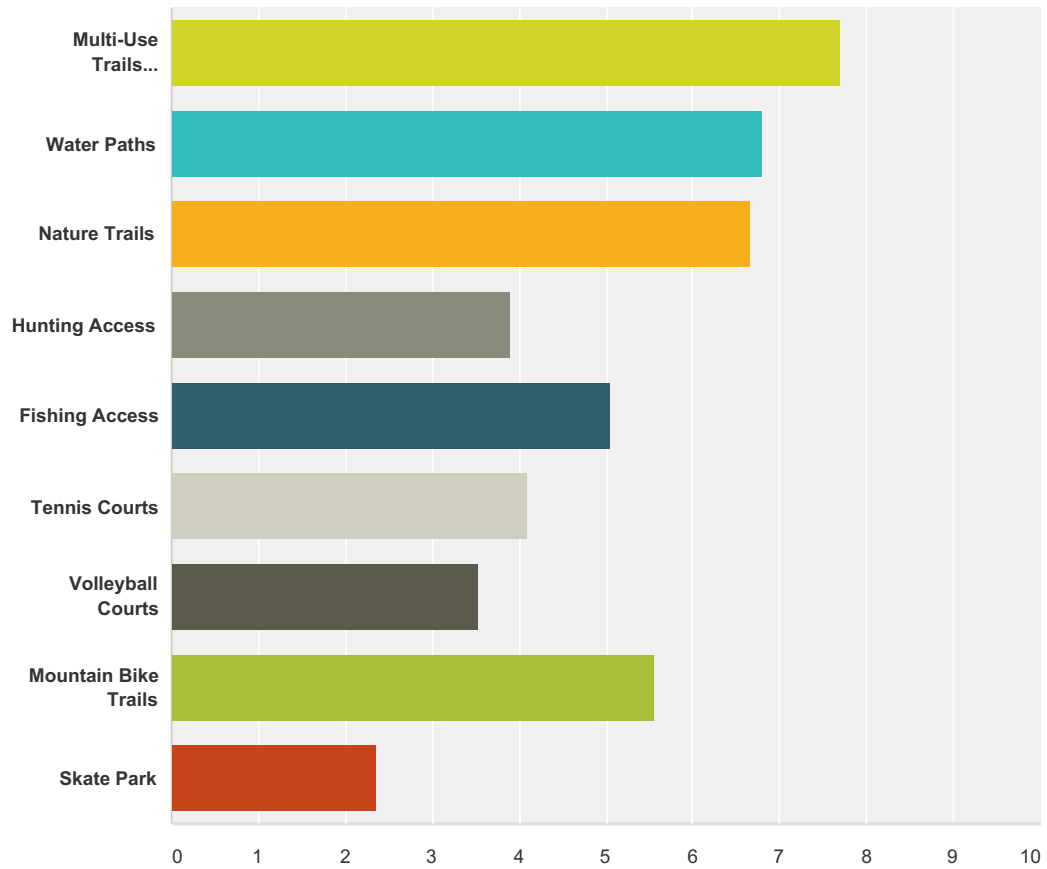
Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Likely	21.74% 5
Likely	56.52% 13
Not Likely	21.74% 5
Never	0.00% 0
Total	23

Q14 Of the following, please rank which activities you most like to see added in the County, with 1 being the highest.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1

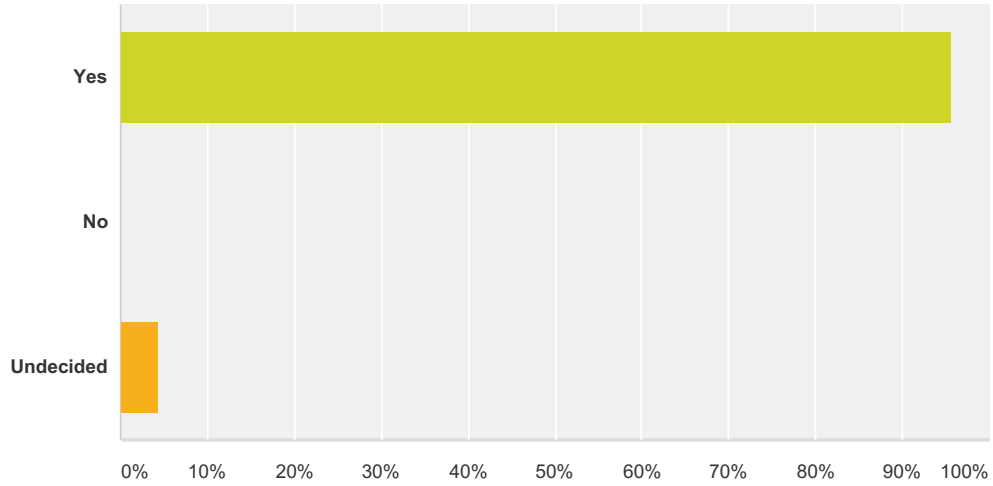


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Score
Multi-Use Trails (Walking, running, biking, etc.)	50.00% 10	15.00% 3	15.00% 3	5.00% 1	10.00% 2	0.00% 0	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	20	7.70
Water Paths	14.29% 3	28.57% 6	9.52% 2	28.57% 6	9.52% 2	9.52% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	21	6.81
Nature Trails	5.00% 1	30.00% 6	20.00% 4	25.00% 5	15.00% 3	0.00% 0	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	20	6.65
Hunting Access	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	30.00% 6	20.00% 4	15.00% 3	10.00% 2	15.00% 3	20	3.90
Fishing Access	4.76% 1	9.52% 2	4.76% 1	19.05% 4	14.29% 3	28.57% 6	14.29% 3	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	21	5.05
Tennis Courts	9.52% 2	14.29% 3	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.52% 2	19.05% 4	38.10% 8	4.76% 1	21	4.10
Volleyball Courts	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.52% 2	4.76% 1	14.29% 3	9.52% 2	33.33% 7	19.05% 4	9.52% 2	21	3.52
Mountain Bike Trails	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	31.82% 7	13.64% 3	4.55% 1	18.18% 4	4.55% 1	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	22	5.55

Skate Park	9.09% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4.55% 1	0.00% 0	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	18.18% 4	59.09% 13	22	2.36
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Q15 Should the County play an active role in a project extending the Heritage Trail from Pentoga Park to Bewabic State Park?

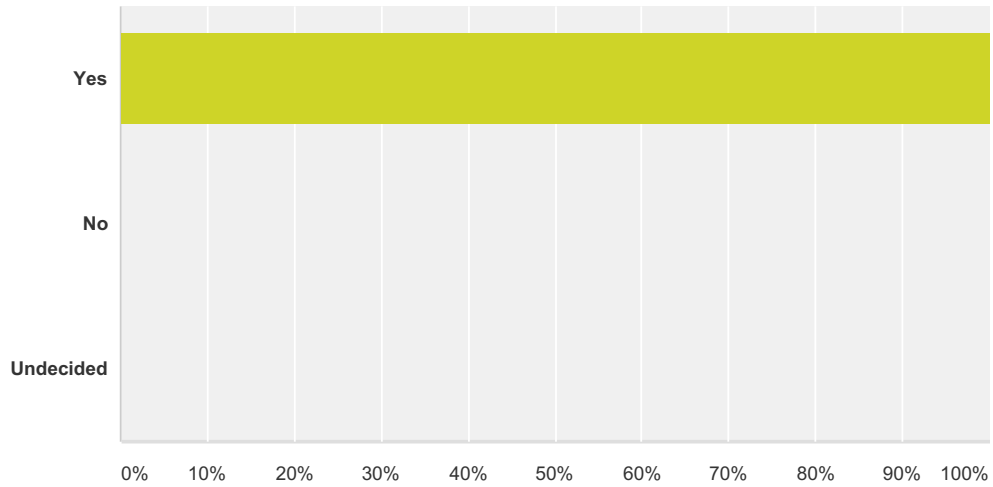
Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	95.65% 22
No	0.00% 0
Undecided	4.35% 1
Total	23

Q16 Should the County play an active role in a project extending the existing Heritage Trail Non-Motorized Path from the Iron County Medical Care Facility to Bewabic State Park?

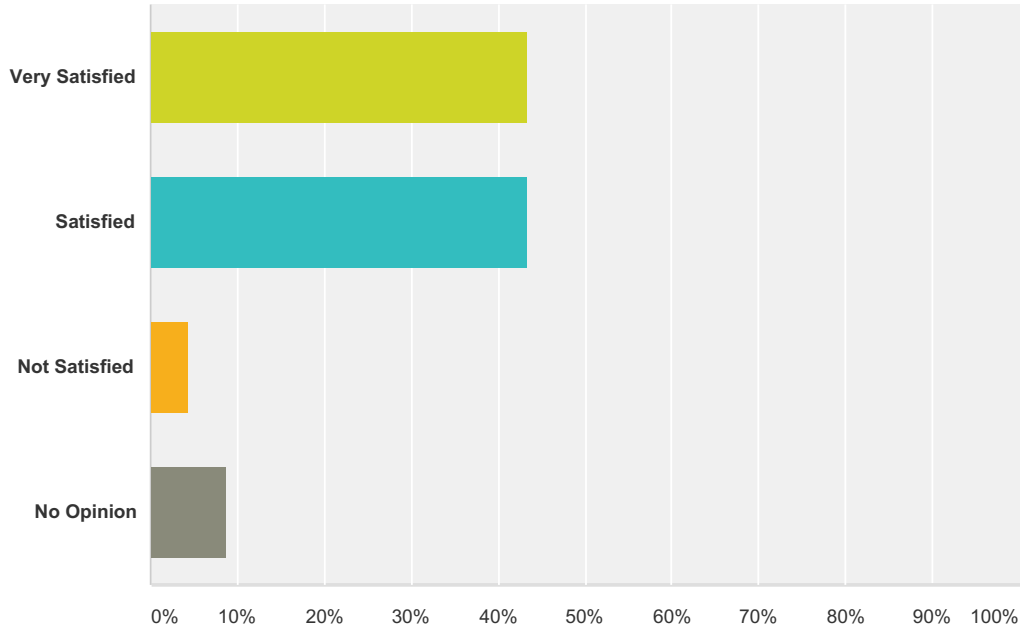
Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 23
No	0.00% 0
Undecided	0.00% 0
Total	23

Q17 How satisfied are you with the non-motorized trails in the County, particularly, the Heritage Trail linking the City of Iron River to Pentoga Park?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Satisfied	43.48% 10
Satisfied	43.48% 10
Not Satisfied	4.35% 1
No Opinion	8.70% 2
Total	23

Q18 Is there anything else you would like to recommend about our Community Parks and Recreational needs?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 14

#	Responses	Date
1	Any projects should be paid for with park revenue not tax dollars.	1/13/2016 5:20 PM
2	If we advertised our amenities for the area better, we may get more interest.	1/7/2016 9:59 AM
3	Official size Little League field	1/7/2016 8:16 AM
4	I think we are doing pretty good, but can do more	1/6/2016 6:14 PM
5	More Signs on Mon motorized trails	1/6/2016 1:02 PM
6	I like the focus on activities that are current, not repairing or replacing existing	1/6/2016 12:50 PM
7	Wash station at Bewabic park	1/6/2016 12:33 PM
8	A maintained/groomed cross country ski area is much needed!	1/6/2016 11:54 AM
9	Pentoga Park is a Gem to Iron County and needs considerable improvement and upgrades to facilities.	1/6/2016 11:35 AM
10	This is a poorly constructed survey. For example, #17-What do you mean? Am I satisfied with what you have or am I not satisfied because I would still like to see more? #3: I feel like I could mark all but you can only check one option. Many other questions are vaguely worded and I don't think my answers truly reflect my standpoints due to the limitations of the survey.	1/6/2016 10:30 AM

Q19 What other activities or improvements not previously mentioned would you like to see in the County?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 15

#	Responses	Date
1	Cross Country Ski Trails	1/13/2016 5:20 PM
2	N/A	1/7/2016 9:59 AM
3	Additional ORV trails	1/7/2016 8:16 AM
4	Trail of History with signage	1/6/2016 6:14 PM
5	Multi-use trails in or near Crystal Falls...especially for winter sports (snowshoeing, x country skiing, etc)	1/6/2016 4:08 PM
6	Cross country ski trails are very popular with winter enthusiasts. Would love to see some groomed trails.	1/6/2016 1:02 PM
7	On to something with mountain bike trails, connect with heritage trail?	1/6/2016 12:50 PM
8	Ski Trails!	1/6/2016 11:54 AM
9	None.	1/6/2016 11:35 AM

The following was submitted as part of the Public Input Process as an idea that could aid the County in developing their Recreational Opportunities. It was suggested that the County develop a Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) that could provide the County with a workforce that could help accomplish some of the goals laid out in the Recreation Plan. It was proposed that the YCC could provide labor for specific projects that the County could use as matching funds in grant applications. The following is a plan for starting the YCC.

IRON COUNTY YOUTH CONSERVATION CORP THE CCC'S OF THE 21ST CENTURY

On March 31st, 1933 the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) came into existence. This was the time of a great worldwide depression. One of every fourth person was on welfare. Unemployment was 35% in the Upper Peninsula. Today the unemployment scenario does not seem to be as bleak. One must consider; however, possibly as recently as the 1970's a family of four could have a reasonably comfortable life with a one-income earner. Times have changed since then. Many households have single parents, which may lead to deficiencies in a so-called proper raising of the children such as limited quality time and an inability to provide for the necessities.

The original concept of the CCC was to "save the lost youth of the Depression who were undernourished, badly clothed, bitter, resentful and hostile." Its strategy was to merge two threatened national resources – the youth and the land - and try to save both.

The focus of the CCC's participants would be to plant trees, build roads, reduce forest fire hazards and tree blight, build tourist facilities, improve rivers and lakes, erect rural telephone lines, clear landing fields, study imported moose and carry out other projects to protect and enhance the American landscape. Initially, the ages of the young men ranged from 17 to 28.

We have a golden opportunity to create a similar program to help the youth of Iron County. The 2015 – 2020 Recreation Plan would initiate projects; with the help of grants, private donations and mentor volunteering, offering the youth, young men and women of the County, a CCC experience.

The Iron County Youth Conservation Corp (ICYCC) will build self-esteem; renew a bond with nature, instill satisfaction and pride by enhancing the area, provide the environment to learn discipline, social and future employment skills, improve physical strength and supply much needed income to supplement a family's needs.

Many individuals from the original CCC have commented later on how the program positively affected their lives. Now we, the older generation of Iron County can offer our future leaders and citizens of Iron County a positive step forward into their lives.

The Iron County Youth Conservation Corp can and will be that stepping-stone.

2015– 2020 PROPOSAL

Requirements:

- 1) 14 – 18 years of age.
- 2) Pass a physical examination (to be provided)
- 3) 2-week (10 days) orientation consisting of a physical fitness program and familiarization with tools and proposed projects. (2 hours per day)

Requiring the 2-week orientation will ensure participants will be in adequate physical condition and demonstrate how to use manual tools to perform daily duties. This would also provide a socialization period eliminating possible uncomfortable interaction at the beginning of the construction phase of the project(s). Costs for orientation will be minimal if physical examinations can be offered at no charge similar to examinations provided to local high school athletes prior to football season and volunteers supervising the physical fitness program.

In order to achieve a cohesive program for the participants a camp-like environment, such as the camps of the CCC, seems to be an excellent model to follow.

The county-owned land at the intersection of the Bates-Amasa Road and the Paint River, which was originally named Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park, is a centralized site to construct such a camp for immediate and future projects as outlined in a previous recreation plan. Constructing the camp at the site for a Canoe/Kayak Put-In and the hub for a County-Wide Blueway and developing a series of hiking, skiing and snowshoe trails along the Paint River and through the adjacent lands, will enable the work force to be kept on site, reducing transportation costs. Keep in mind this camp would be occupied throughout the summer months, for the duration of the recreational plan.

The camp could be situated on the east side of the Bates-Amasa Road leaving the land on the west side available to construct primitive shelters as suggested in the recreational plan and far enough north of the existing canoe launch for construction of the universally accessible Canoe/Kayak Put-In.

The camp would consist of two modest barracks housing up to ten individuals each, one for young men and the other for young women, a separate building for crew leaders to serve as individual sleeping areas and office space, a modest mess/kitchen for preparing and eating meals, a shower and latrine facility.

An electrical hook-up would provide for lighting, heating and hot water. Constructing a photovoltaic array will create electricity. Connecting the array to the existing electrical grid would provide a constant dependable source of energy for the camp's functions. Excess electricity would be returned to the electrical grid for credit, all year long.

Additional infrastructure such as access off of the Bates-Amasa Road and drilled well or township water will need to be considered.

An alternative for the camp would be to transport ICYCC participants from various points in the county to project sites. For example, participants could meet at the schools and travel by bus.

This would seem to be the most economical solution, but in the long term it would not provide for a multi-use development of Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park or address the concerns of excess fossil fuel and resource use. Furthermore; it would contradict at least one of the lessons we should be thinking about by creating the ICYCC --- conservation.

Like the buildings constructed for the original CCC's, the public could utilize the Youth CCC structures. Even in the first year, from the end of August possibly up to December, revenue could be generated specifically for the operational costs of the ICYCC. For example, the public uses Camp Gibbs and the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp buildings. Reserving the facilities could be contracted through a real estate agency, as are the cabins owned by the Forest Service at Lost Lake near Tipler, Wisconsin.

Grants, local funding, and community donations will be crucial to enacting a ICYCC program. Once the initial costs for start-up are in place and the program has been in effect for several years a taxpayer funded continuation of the program may be needed if other sources of funding cease. Once the citizens realize the importance of the program the citizens will rally to support our youth. For example, using the 2009 taxable value for property, 0.2 mills would generate \$90,050. Property valued at \$60,000 would generate an additional \$12 of tax revenue. Once the citizens realize the importance and success of the program, overwhelming support should be expected.

Additional considerations to keep in mind are that Bates Township has agreed to provide assistance in some manner for the up-keep of a park facility. With the closure of Camp Ottawa, the DNR will require people power for projects such as stream improvement for trout habitat, and cities and townships may enlist the Corp for conservation projects in their areas as well.

Tentatively, staffing requirements would include a program director that would have a wide variety of obligations; two adult crew leaders and two camp chefs would be required. Local volunteers would be recruited for additional expertise in project development and mentoring for the duration of the annual 10-week program period.

Insurance coverage will be a concern for participants in the program.

A rough cost estimate for the first 10-week program:

- 1) Salaries - \$96,000 based on a 40 hour work week and keeping in mind the responsibilities of the director and crew leaders will be 24 hours a day.
 - a) Director – \$8,000
 - b) 2 Crew Leaders - \$16,000
 - c) 20 Campers - \$64,000
 - d) 2 Chefs - \$8,000
- 2) Buildings - \$288,000
 - a) 4 – 20' x 40' structures @ \$72,000 per unit, labor included
- 3) Electrical - \$30,000
 - a) \$15,000 for solar array.
 - b) \$15,000 boring under road and connection to grid
- 4) Infrastructure - \$30,000
 - a) \$10,000 - access road and site preparation
 - b) \$10,000 – drilled well and plumbing
 - c) \$10,000 – septic system or composting toilet facilities
- 5) Food - \$12,500
 - a) \$50 per week per person
- 6) Clothing - \$5,000
 - a) 23 sets (2 pairs work pants, 2 work shirts, 1 pair of boots)
 - b) Aprons, towels and other miscellaneous items
- 7) Tools - \$2,000
 - a) Wheel barrows, shovels, grub hoes, pruners, and rakes

Total = \$462,000 (Does not include material for projects or transportation costs)

Nearly \$300,000 of this initial cost would be put back into our local economy. The clothing allowance should be provided. The ICYCC program will be initiated to help the disadvantaged youth. Providing the clothing and work footwear will be a great relief for families that may not be able to afford these necessities.

Transportation to work sites will not be a major factor in the first year of the ICYCC program since the campers will be housed at the site of Phase 1.

Once the initial costs are incurred the ICYCC program could be continued for \$120,000 a year with that estimate reduced annually by user fees for the facilities. Passage of a 0.3 millage by the voters could be sought if other resources were not available.

TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE

6:00 A.M. – Reveille
6:10 A.M. – Roll Call, Begin Calisthenics
6:45 A.M. – Wash
7:00 A.M. – Breakfast
8:00 A.M. – Proceed To Work Site, Organize Work Teams
8:30 A.M. – Begin Work
11:30 A.M. – Lunch
12:30 P.M. – Begin Work
4:00 P.M. – Pack Tools, Return To Base
5:00 P.M. – Dinner
6:00 P.M. – Free Time
9:30 P.M. – Prepare For Sleep
10:00 P.M. – Taps

Two campers per week will be assigned to kitchen duty in order to assist the chefs. Latrine duty will also be expected for the lucky campers. These duties will be a good teaching experience for skills needed in the camper's life.

Recreation for free time might include basketball, baseball, swimming, canoeing, fishing, hiking, tree and plant identification, reading, board games, cards, story telling, camp fires, Frisbe and whatever else is imaginable. Excursions to various points of interest, during free time can be arranged. Educational programs could be offered as well.

It should be recognized we are dealing with young adults. To expect a program with young adults, to be work, work, work and no play seems unrealistic and may discourage a high state of morale. Occasionally field trips could be planned to break-up a tough, hot, mosquito infested or rainy workweek, possibly a trip to the museum.

Discipline, with a set of guidelines, will be at the discretion of the director and two team leaders. Depending on the severity of the infraction the campers may be asked to convene a peer review. All steps necessary should be taken to keep the camper in the program. The program is initiated to help the youth and helping them work through problems will show people care.

TENTATIVE 2015 AGENDA

Construct Phase One - Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park

- 1) Construct six primitive shelters along the easterly bank of the Paint River, west of the Bates-Amasa Road. (Shelter - \$2,500 per unit, construction plans available).
 - a) With guidance, let the campers have an input regarding the placement of the shelters. With a compass and 100-foot measuring tape survey access trails to the shelters.
 - b) Clear trails and shelter site for the sand/gravel base.
 - c) Sand/gravel can be screened from the gravel pit north of Shady Lane and either shoveled into the bed of a small dump truck and dumped near the entrance to the shelter access or transported by wheelbarrow. The Road Commission could possibly donate some time to transport sand/gravel to the access entrance providing more time for the campers to focus on trail and shelter construction.

- 2) Construct the universally accessible Canoe/Kayak launch site.
 - a) Following the plans provided for the launch site the campers would manually construct the launch, prepare access to the launch, and place stone/rip-rap for erosion control.

- 3) Begin a re-forestation of the area.
 - a) Plant trees and native plant species where applicable.
 - b) Obtain trees from grant programs offered for re-forestation.

Begin Phase Two - Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park

- 1) Begin the development for a picnic area.
- 2) Begin the development for a trail system.

TENTATIVE 2016 AGENDA

- 1) Complete Phase One.
- 2) Secure conservation easements for trail development along the Paint River and adjacent lands.
- 3) Contact DNR for improvements to the Paint Dam Canoe/Kayak launch.
- 4) Contact DNR for improvements to the Fishing Site No. 1 and No. 2 Canoe/Kayak launch.
- 5) Continue improvements to Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park.
 - a) Consider expansion on the east side.

Depending on the scope and success for the County-Wide Recreational Plan new projects can be added or deleted on a regular basis. For example, the 2015 Agenda could be the construction of the camp by the campers slightly reducing the initial costs.

The trout hatchery at the Cooks Run can be another site for ICYCC operations. Scaling back plans for Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park at the same time introducing a plan to create a year-round recreation site at the Cook's Run Hatchery could reduce costs for the overall ICYCC Program by having two separate youth work forces. This may result with males at one site and females at the other as another cost consideration. Can you imagine the self esteem and leadership experience that could be generated, especially for the young women?

Solar energy is feasible for this area. A micro-hydro generator, placed in the Cooks Run, could produce the electricity to provide the needs of the campers for the summer and be connected to the grid for yearlong electrical credit. Photo Voltaic panels can also

Consulting with Brian Schultz, the director of Iron County Youth Camp, will provide valuable insight for the daily operation the ICYCC youth camp like environment and problems that may arise.

Michigan Works, in Ironwood, has agreed to provide administrative assistance with applications for the program at the Caspian office, and help for procuring grants.

The Iron County Watershed Coalition also agreed to assist in some capacity, such as locating funding for removal of invasive species along rivers, lakes and providing educational workshops.

VISION CONTINUED

Implementation of the ICYCC program would be a golden opportunity to continue the vision of people such as Herb Larson who, beginning in 1923, persuaded the Park Trustees and the Board of Supervisors to allocate funds to purchase recreational land. Parcels such as Me-Squa-I-Cum-E Park, Pentoga Park, Be-Wa-Bic Park, Holmes Park, Gibson Lake Park, the site of Camp Ba-Ta-Wa-Ga-Ma and other parcels for recreation that local people currently enjoy.

In 1936, speaking of their mission in their annual report to the Board of Supervisors, the Park Trustees and Road Commissioners said, "with the wonderful development of roads, and the price of automobiles within the reach of everyone, recreational centers must be provided for the mass of people, who cannot, and never will be able to own summer homes of their own."

Times have changed since 1923 and 1936 but the mission is even more important with the economic times of today. We need these recreation facilities now, more than ever, so people who cannot afford to travel to recreate can do so within close driving distance and visitors recreational wants and needs are expanded.

Quality of life is the single most important attribute that brings residents and visitors to Iron County. When visiting Iron County people will notice our recreational paradise and notice the ICYCC program and how we care about our youth. Iron County's sustainable development may depend on this stepping-stone.

Drafted February 2010
Revised: December 15, 2014

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City of Gaastra
Chris Stachowicz, Manager
PO Box 218
Gaastra, MI 49927

December 11, 2015


Dear Manager Stachowicz,

We have been receiving various Recreation Plans from local townships and cities, and I've noticed that the City of Gaastra has not provided the County with it's own local recreation plan. If a plan exists, please forward a complete copy to the county administration office for our files.

The County is in the process of filing it's own recreation plan from a grant and if Gaastra City is relying on the county for any sort of recreational equipment, as part of the County Recreation plan, then I would request that the city submit a formal request to my office by January 15, 2016.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter.

Thanks again,



Sue K. Clisch, Administrator

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City of Caspian
John Stokoski, Manager
PO Box 273
Caspian, MI 49915

December 11, 2015

Dear Manager Stokoski,

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Stambaugh Township
Eugene Pellizaro, Supervisor
729 County Road
Gaastra, MI 49915

December 11, 2015

Dear Supervisor Pellizaro,

We have been receiving various Recreation Plans from local townships and cities, and I've noticed that Stambaugh Township has not provided the County with it's own local recreation plan. If a plan exists, please forward a complete copy to the county administration office for our files.

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Mansfield Township
Richard Dryjanski, Supervisor
2804 Hwy. M-69
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

December 11, 2015

Dear Supervisor Dryjanski,

We have been receiving various Recreation Plans from local townships and cities, and I've noticed that Mansfield Township has not provided the County with it's own local recreation plan. If a plan exists, please forward a complete copy to the county administration office for our files.

The County is in the process of filing it's own recreation plan from a grant and if Mansfield Township is relying on the county for any sort of recreational equipment, as part of the County Recreation plan, then I would request that the city submit a formal request to my office by January 15, 2016.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter.

Thanks again,



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Bates Township
Grant Helgemo, Supervisor
190 Forsberg, Rd.
Iron River, MI 49935

December 11, 2015

Dear Supervisor Helgemo,

We have been receiving various Recreation Plans from local townships and cities, and I've noticed that Bates Township has not provided the County with it's own local recreation plan. If a plan exists, please forward a complete copy to the county administration office for our files.

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Mastodon Township
Frank Siewiorek, Supervisor
1371 South US 2
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

December 11, 2015

Dear Supervisor Siewiorek,

We have been receiving various Recreation Plans from local townships and cities, and I've noticed that Mastodon Township has not provided the County with it's own local recreation plan. If a plan exists, please forward a complete copy to the county administration office for our files.

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Thanks again,



Sue K. Clisch, Administrator

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Appendix G

Transmittal Letter to Planning Agency



Consulting
Engineers and
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February 24, 2016

Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region
P.O. Box 365
Houghton, MI 49931

RE: Iron County 5-Year MDNR Recreation Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of Iron County's 5-Year MDNR Recreation Plan, as adopted by the County Board on February 9, 2016.

The Plan is being filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is submitted to you per their requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

GEI CONSULTANTS OF MICHIGAN, P.C.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robb Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

Robb Anderson, P.E.
Project Engineer

RAA:plw

cc: Sue Clisch, Administrator (Cover Letter)

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